

Cr. of
United States Bullion Account
\$761,728.05

In gold coins \$283,659.51
" Silver coins 1118,365.66
" gold bullion 259,814.43
" Silver bullion 56,264.64

To the debit of Profit }
Loss, to be received }
from the Ordinary fund) 13,623.81

761,728.05

January 22^d 1843

761,728.05
657.42
70.63

Wm. A. Phil. Jan. 27/48

Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of yesterday, I think I can safely say, that with the present reduced charges at the mint, we might, with a government deposit of \$300,000, and perhaps less, continue to pay other deposits without delay.

It was my desire to have presented with this letter, a statement showing the exact position of all the gold and silver now in the mint. I find, however, that this cannot be satisfactorily done, in time for the present mail.

Y^{rs} Wm. A. Phil.
Wm. A. Phil. Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
Jan. 26. 1848

Sir

Permit me to enquire whether the coinage at the Mint is such as to require you to keep on hand so large a sum on bullion account as \$500,000?

Under the present state of things it is doubtful whether the Treasury can spare more than from \$20 to 30,000.

I take occasion to suggest that when an appointment is made of Clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint whether it would not be well to increase the penalty if he comes to about \$20,000.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

M. C. Gann
Act. Sec. of the Treasury.

D. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1848.

Sir, Gentlemen,

The box containing Hayti coins was delivered at the Mint this morning, with your letter of yesterday requesting that they should be "given into care." I regret to state that we have found ourselves under the necessity of declining to receive these ^{Hayti} coins. We have found them to be very base, not reaching above 60 per cent of silver; and we have found also that the alloy is not of copper alone, but that it has other metals which make the coins unfit to be mixed and put into circulation. The difficulty of ^{and expense of trying} making them fit for coinage. They belong in fact to the class of base silver which should be given submitted to the processes used by the professional Refiners, before they can be presented to the Mint which they contain can be properly ^{presented} ~~submitted~~ for coinage.

The box has been again placed in the hands of Adams & Co., to be returned to you.

R. M. D.

Done

Wm. Meyer & Stucker,
New York C.

San Francisco Aug 25 1848

James Ross Fremont

Dear U. S. Army

Sir

Am excited to
have a bill of 27 Regs planchet, shipped
for Brig Michigan, from Boston, and
enclose 13/2 of the same -

Yours

Very Resp

Geo. W. Brown

Southern Magnetic Telegraph.

The following communication was received at
this office, at 12 o'clock, 10 min. A.M.

Dated Washington Aug 15 1848.

D. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Send by telegraph the
names of the persons re-
commended by you for com-
missioners of the Annual
Assay -

M. O. Young
Treasury Dept.

17/52

Min. U.S. Phil. Jan. 22/44.

Sir, We have now in the Mint of gold coins the amount of \$283,659, and the Chief Coiner will make a delivery to the Treasurer, early next week, of about \$100,000. With the moderate deposits that are now receiving, I think that you might with \$200,000 put the entire sum at the disposal of the prompt payment of depositors.

R. M. O.

W. C. Claiborne, Esq.
Adm. Sec. of the Treasury

Copy

To the credit of
United States Bullion Account

		\$ 761,728.05
Due from Ordinary Fund	Gain and deposits	29.49
to balance Profit & Loss		\$ 13,623.81
Car. —		<u>\$ 761,757.54</u>
Melted & Refined ore of Gold	\$ 13,296.10	
do	ore of Silver	25,533.38 38,829.48
Chief Coiner's ore of Gold	\$ 96,604.65	
do	ore of Silver	7,794.42 94,399.07
Gold Coinage	\$ 378,322.50	
Silver Coinage	164,933.15	\$ 543,255.65
Retained Gold Coins	\$ 11,285.00	
Retained Silver Coins	12,010	11,405.10
Gold Depositor	\$ 74,087.31	
Silver Depositor	7,206.10	81,293.41 63,595.19
		<u>782,806.55</u>
Due to Depositors:		
Gold	\$ 18,310.45	
Silver	2,738.56	21,049.01
		<u>761,757.54</u> \$ 761,757.54
		<u>January 27, 1847.</u>

CIRCULAR

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Treasury Department, (including the Superintendent of the Coast Survey;) the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers of the United States; Directors, Superintendents, and Treasurers of Mints; Marshals; Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices; Depositories of Public Money and Disbursing Agents; Collectors, Naval Officers, Surveyors, and Appraisers of the Customs; and Officers commanding Revenue Vessels.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

January 21, 1848.

SIR: You are requested to forward to this Department, with as little delay as possible, copies of any circular instructions addressed to you by the Secretary of the Treasury, of a date subsequent to the 4th March, 1845, and not comprehended in the list herewith transmitted.

Respectfully,

McCLINTOCK YOUNG,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

To *The Director of the Mint*
Philadelphia

List of Circular Instructions, issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, of a date subsequent to 4th March, 1845.

To Depositories of Public Money, -	1845, Mar.	Instructions, with forms.
To Officers of Revenue Marine, -	18	Regulations for the government of Engineers.
" " " -	20	On Dress of Officers.
" " " -	20	On Armament, &c. of Revenue Vessels.
To Register of Treasury, -	Apr. 1	In relation to Public Stock.
To Officers of the Customs, -	1	Decisions on Revenue Questions.
" " " -	10	On Drawback on Goods to Chihuahua and Santa Fe.
" " " -	15	On Appointment of Subordinates.
To Officers of Revenue Marine, -	15	Instructions on Armament of Revenue Vessels.
To Officers of Customs and others, -	16	Enquiries on Statistics.—First series of questions.
" " " -	May 15	Decisions on Revenue Questions.
To Public Officers, under direction of the Secretary, -	June 13	On Retrenchment in Postage.
" " " -	20	On prompt rendition of Returns, &c.
To Register of Treasury, -	July 18	Instructions.—Transfer of Stocks.
To Officers of the Customs, -	29	On Intercourse with Texas.
To Officers of the Customs and U. S. Consuls, -	Aug. 20	On Verification of Invoices.

To Officers of the Customs, -	1845, Sept. 11	On Importations of Coffee from the Netherlands.
To Officers of the Customs & others, -	25	Enquiries on Statistics.—Second series of questions.
To Officers of the Customs, -	Oct. 3	Decision on Importations of Wool.
" " -	8	On Postage.—See Circular, 13 June, 1845.
" " -	9	On Storage of Goods.
" " -	Nov. 29	On Allowance to Fishing Vessels.
" " -	1846, Jan. 9	On Intercourse with Texas.
" " -	15	On Allowance for Leakage, &c.
To Marshals, -	Feb. 23	Enquiries.—Number and cost of prisoners, &c.
To Collectors of the Customs, -	25	On Drawback on Goods to Chihuahua and Santa Fe.
" " -	28	On Convention with Great Britain.
To Public Officers, acting under direction of the Secretary, -	Mar. 18	On Moneys received from Fines, Penalties, &c.
To Officers of the Customs, -	Apr. 1	On Marine Signals.
" " -	28	On Deposit of Public Money.
" " -	29	On Shipping Articles between Masters and Crews.
" " -	June 11	On Intercourse with Mexico.
" " -	13	On Foreign Coins; with act of May 22, 1846.
" " -	19	Decision on Tools of Trade; Models of Machinery.
" " -	20	On Importation of Articles from British adjacent possessions.
" " -	25	Expenses of Marine Hospital.
" " -	30	On Intercourse with Mexico.
To Marshals, -	July, 1	On Disbursements, under acts of 18th May, 1842, and 3d March, 1845.
To Officers of the Customs, -	Aug. 10	On Canal Boats, under act of 20th July, 1846.
" " -	14	On Warehousing, under act of 6th August, 1846.
" " -	15	On Convention with Great Britain.
" " -	16	On Importation of Coffee from the Netherlands.—Act August 13, 1846.
" " -	18	On Treaty with the Two Sicilies.
" " -	25	On Exportation of Goods, in view of act of 30th July, 1846.
" " -	25	In relation to Treasury Notes, paid for public dues.
To Officers Collecting, Receiving, & Disbursing, -	(25)	On Act of 6th August, 1846, establishing Constitutional Treasury.
To Receivers, Treasurer of Mint and Branch Mints; Assistant Treasurers, Disbursing Agents, and Officers of the Government of U.S.	-	25 On Act of 6th August, 1846, establishing Constitutional Treasury.
To Officers of the Customs, -	Sept. 9	On Drawbacks.—British adjacent possessions, act 8th August, 1846.
To Officers of the Customs and Receivers of Public Moneys, -	15	On Annual Estimates, under resolution of Congress.
To Officers of the Customs of certain Ports and certain Receivers, -	15	On Payments for Patents.
To Naval Officers, certain Surveyors, Registers of Land Offices, Directors and Superintendents of Mints	15	On examinations, &c. under act establishing Constitutional Treasury.
To Collectors, Receivers, Treasurer of U. S., Assistant Treasurers, Treasurer of Mint, Philadelphia; Treasurers of Branch Mints, -	15	On Act establishing Constitutional Treasury.

To Officers of the Customs, -	1846, Oct. 23	On Intercourse with Yucatan, Mexico.
" " -	30	Amendatory to Circular of 14 March, 1846: Warehousing Act.
" " -	Nov. 25	Instructions, with Tariff Act of 30th July, 1846.
To Collecting, Receiving, and Disbursing Officers of the U. S. -	28	On Frauds, by under valuation.
To Officers of the Customs, -	Dec. 3	On Constitutional Treasury, act of 6th August, 1846.
" " -	8	On Intercourse with Mexico.
" " -	16	On Intercourse with Mexico.
To Officers corresponding with Treasury Department, -	22	On Registered, Enrolled, and Licensed vessels.
To Officers of the Customs, -	1847, Jan. 15	To be governed by Instructions of 16th March, 1843.
" " -	Feb. 1	On Returns of Imports, &c.
" " -	17	Decision.—Drawback on Refined Sugar.
To Assistant Treasurers, -	19	Decision.—Duty on Bags, with Grain.
To Officers of the Customs, -	Mar. 17	On funding Treasury Notes.
" " -	17	On Passenger Vessels.
" " -	22	On Intercourse with Yucatan, Mexico.
" " -	24	Allowance on Leakage, &c.
" " -	Apr. 7	On Intercourse with Mexico.—Tariff of Military Contributions.
" " -	8	On Storage of Goods.
To Collector of Boston, -	12	Decision on exemption of Effects.
To Collector of the Customs, -	May 10	Intercourse with California.
" " -	13	On Passenger Vessels.
" " -	20	On Passenger Vessels.
" " -	27	On Allowance on Molasses.
" " -	June 10	Modifications of the Mexican Tariff of Military Contributions, recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, and adopted by the President.
" " -	12	On Additional or Penal Duty.
To Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices, -	17	On Examinations and Reports to be made.
To Agents for Florida Claims, -	21	On Claims for Interest.
To Officers of the Customs, -	July 1	Warehousing Act of 6th August, 1846.
" " -	6	On Appraisements.
" " -	20	On Marking goods.
" " -	-	On Expenditures on account of Revenue Vessels.
To Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices, -	Aug. 25	On transmission of Treasury Notes.
To Officers of the Customs, -	Sept. 1	Decision.—Manufactures for Boots, Shoes, & Buttons.
" " -	22	On Passenger Vessels.
To Officers Com'dg Revenue Vessels, -	Oct. 8	On Expenditures.
" " -	-	On allowance of Rations.
To Officers of the Customs, -	11	On importations of Coffee from Brazil.
" " -	30	On employment of Confidential Inspectors.
" " -	Nov. 1	On Retrenchment of Expenses.
" " -	1	On Expenditures of Revenue Marine.
" " -	5	Modification in Tariff of Mexican Military Contributions, recommended by the Secretary, and adopted by the President.
" " -	6	On decision of U. S. Circuit Court.—United States vs. Ship Recorder.

To Officers of the Customs, -	1847, Nov. 9	On compensation, &c. of Inspectors, &c.
" " " " " "	13	On Refunding excess of Duties.
" " " " " "	15	On Exports to Mexico.
" " " " " "	15	On Compensation, &c. of Inspectors, &c.
" " " " " "	16	Augmentation in the Tariff of Mexican Military Contributions, recommended by the Secretary, and adopted by the President.
To Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices, -	Dec. 4	On Estimates of Expenses in collecting the Revenue.
To Officers of the Customs, -	6	Instructions as to Special Duties.
	30	On Decisions of the U. S. Circuit Courts.

February. 1848.

Recd. Feb. 21 1848

Treasury Department
Jan 21. 1848.

Sir

Do please to inform me by return
mail what amount of Gold can be spared from
the bullion account of the Mint.

I am very Resp^t

W^m C. Young

Act. Sec. Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

(Private.)

Minist. of the United States.

Jan. 21, 1845.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith an official letter to ask that the President will appoint, for the approaching Annual Assay, the Commissioners whom he is authorized by law to designate in addition to the Commissioners in office, - namely, the District Judge, the District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port.

I hope I may be excused for following the practice, hitherto always observed by the Director of the assay, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

Professor Peckay Duglison, a man of science, and occupying, as you know, a high standing in the community. He was formerly a professor in the University of Virginia, afterwards at Baltimore, and now in the Jefferson Medical College here.

Professor James B. Rogers, recently elected to the Chair of Chemistry in the University

of Conciliarial. This is a scientific knowledge
into which he is entirely capable of judging of the
proceedings of the Annual Meeting. He was appointed
by Gen. Jackson, with the consent of the Sen-
ate, as Stutter & Refiner of the Annual Meeting
at New Orleans, but was prevented from accept-
ing the office, by domestic circumstances.

Mr. L.

Professor E. W. Whipple, who holds a
chair of Chemistry in the Harvard University,
at Cambridge, near Boston, and is eminent in
the department of science which he professes. In
favor of his appointment, it may be proper to
mention that Boston has not yet been repre-
sented at the last Annual Meeting.

Let me ask that the letters of appoint-
ment may be sent, in the first instance, to me,
to be forwarded to the gentlemen named; in
order that they may be ^{furnished with} accom-
panied by infor-
mation which they ought to possess regarding the
duties which they are invited to perform.

Very respectfully,

Your friend & servant,
R. M. P.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Gov. of Texas.

Mint, N.C.

Jan. 21, 1848.

Sir,

The Annual Assay at the Mint is
to be held on the 1st of next month, and
I have the honor respectfully to request that
you will call the attention of the President
to the appointment of the additional Com-
missioners provided for by the 34th section
of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Yours very truly
H. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

U. S. Mint, Philad^a,
January 17, 1848,

Gentlemen, I have received the
30 Key Copper planchets, which
you sent, by Barque Gov. Briggs.
Some of the Keys are in bad condition,
so much so that the head of
one of them came out in handling.
I will thank you to guard against
this in the future.

Very respectfully,
Wm. O. C. Smith

(Signed)
Jas. Ross Snowden
Treasurer

To Messrs. Crocker & Co

U. S. Mint, Philad^a
January 18, 1848.

Gentlemen,

I am now prepared to pay, in copper coins, for your invoice of copper planchets, dated 21st ult. Your request me to forward the coins to Messrs. S. & W. Childs N. York; I suppose you wish them sent by the same conveyance as those were forwarded at the close of last year. The Rail Road was resorted to, on that occasion, in consequence of our being compelled to send the coins away in time to bring the settlement of them into my copper transactions for the Decr. term.

The expense attendant upon this mode of conveyance is \$1.25 per cask which is too heavy a charge to incur, unless from stern necessity.

Mr. Cooley has a regular line of Packets to N. York, which he says are of the 1st Class, and charges 40 cents per cask freight to N. Y. As the coins are shipped at your risk, I have thought it proper to advise you on the subject

before making the shipment, and
shall, therefore, defer sending paying
for the invoice until I hear from you.
The Comer requests me to say to
you, that the planchets he is now
coming have not ^{been} sufficiently ^{improved} ~~improved~~.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedient
(signed)
Edw. Rob. Seward
Mass.

To
Messrs. Crocker & Co.
Tarrant,
Mass.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
January 17, 1848

Sir,

The Report of the First Auditor upon the account rendered by James Ross Snowden, Treasurer of the U.S. Mint, for its contingent expenses during the fourth quarter of the Year 1847, - and the Statements made in the letter which you addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 5th instant, announcing a fraud that had been committed upon the Contingent fund of said Mint, by one of the Clerks, Mr Randall Hutchinson, - being under my consideration; I deem it to be proper to enquire of you:

First - whether Gov. Tindley, Treasurer of the Mint, in June 1840, as his official act, named or nominated to you Mr Randall Hutchinson, to be appointed ^{as} his Clerk?

Secondly, whether the arrangement, which placed the monies of the Contingent fund of said Mint, under the special Charge, and in the actual possession or keeping of said Clerk, in

a separate closet, within the Treasurer's vault,
but of which closet the said Clerk kept the
key, was made by your direction, in the exercise
of the authority and performance of the duties
devolved on you, by the 3^d Section of the Act
supplemental to the Act, entitled, "An Act
establishing a Mint and regulating the Coins
of the United States, approved 18th January 1837."
"to prescribe the duties of the Clerk of the
Treasurer of the Mint?"

Thirdly: Whether the examinations,
made by said Treasurer, of the monies in
the hands of said Clerk, at the close of each
month, to ascertain that their sum agreed
with the balance that according to the accounts
of the Contingent fund of said Mint, the said
Clerk ought to have, formed part of the aforesaid
arrangements, was deemed by you a sufficient
guard over said fund, and was accordingly
prescribed by virtue of the powers conferred, and
duties devolved on you, by the first paragraph
of the 1st Section, and the last clause of the
3^d Section of the aforesaid Act?

Fourthly: From what sources had the
monies been actually received, which ought to
have been found in said closet, when the said
fraud was discovered?

With great respect
Yours ob. Serv

Wm. C. Cullum
Comptroller

Robert M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

N. Y. AND WASHINGTON MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
33 Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

The following was received at this Office.

Dated Washington, Jan. 6 1848.

Dr. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint.

Dear Doctor -

I have seen Mr. Walker,
and have received the following
reply to your letter.

R. S. Walker.

Wash. Jan. 6th, 1848.

Sir - I am confined this morning
by illness to my bed, from which
I write to say in reply to yours
of yesterday - with a few
words of hope and comfort
of my hope and comfort
with a few words.

Yours, &c.

R. S. Walker.

What the fund for the entire amount
must be made good by the
Treasury.

N. Y. AND WASHINGTON MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH OFFICE, }
31 Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

The following was received at this Office.

Dated Wash Jan 13 1848

R. M. Patterson

Send us as many
half and Quarters eagles
as you can

M. C. Young

(By telegraph.)

Wash. D.C.

Jan. 15, 1868, Wednesday.

Your note has just been received: too late.

The crime is already on their way.

R. M. Patterson.

Mr. Charles Young

Assistant Secretary of Navy.

Washington.

Si^r, Treasury Department
January 11. 1848
Please send One hundred thousand
dollars in Gold, put up for transportation
to this city. - W^m Hamilton of this
Department will take charge of the
money.

Very respectfully
Wm C. Garrison
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

A R Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philad^a

Washington Jan 14, 1848

Dear Sir,

I expected to have been ready to day to return to Phil^a. but inasmuch as my accounts are yet unacted upon, I concluded to wait a day. I will prep the advertisements tomorrow, and endeavor to go by the evening train & reach home on Sunday morning. The officers of the Treasury Department, I am very well disposed but it is difficult (such is the propensity of public men) to get them to act. Mr. Walker to day however sent a note requesting ^{that} the attention of the proper department be given to it without delay. I feel confident of a favorable result; when the examination is made.

Please say to Judge Kane that I thank him for his letter, I rec^d. it to day; it is not however material. I supposed the case was reported in some book of Reports, and such was the impression of some gentlemen here, but it seems we were mistaken. If convenient please state to my father, my movements, I have not time this evening to write to him. Yours truly
Samuel Rife Crutcher
D. R. M. Patterson &

Albion N.Y.
Jan. 13/48

Dear Sir,

I have learned that your father came to
the office, on Saturday evening, (1st inst.) and
that he then opened his desk and drawers, and
took papers away with him. This will account
for the fact that no private papers of his are
to be found in the office.

I find the only note that has come, since, ad-
dressed to your father.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Patterson

Mr. J. P. Hutchinson Jr.

Dr Patterson

Dear Sir

If there are any private
papers of my Father in
his desk would you oblige
me by handing them to
Mr Beaver.

Yours truly

W. P. Hutchinson

Chen. Day 13/95

MECHANICS' BANK OF BALTIMORE,

May 13, 1858

Wm. L. Hunt Esq. Boston
Philad^a
Dear Sir,

I enclose for collection

We have this day forwarded
to you per Adams & Co express, for our
use, a bag of Gold Bullion weighing
2626 Dwt 10 Grs -

Very respectfully,

Your obt^d servt.

James W. Woods
Arch.

Palmer Jan 12. 1838.

James Rosford Esq.

Pres. N. S. Mills

Sir

Admitted we
have inv. of 30 keps palmer, Philly
for Bank Gen. Briggs. from Boston
The amount of said bill \$2.30.
we will thank you to ~~send~~ ^{forward} it to our com-
missioners, to Messrs. A. J. Mills, as
before -

Yours

Very Respectfully

Charles Adams & Co.

U.S. Mint, Philad^a
January 11th 1848,

Sir, Yours of the 10th inst. has been
received with the corrected bill receipted.
I enclose a draft in your favor on the Bank
of New York for \$36.77, in payment of
said bill.

Very respectfully,
Thos. G. Corcoran
Secy. W. Edelman
For the Treasurer of the Mint.

To
N. Chamberlain Esq. Agent
for the Erie Canal
N. York

Springfield Jan 11th 1848

My Dear Sir

Permit me to express to you the gratitude and pleasure I feel, at the distinction and kindness you have shown me, in recommending me to Mr. Dibble, and let me add, that this pleasure does not so much arise from the business anticipated, which indeed is quite acceptable, as from the assurance which is given me, that I possess your confidence.

I have laboured assiduously to extend and perfect my machine works, and have lately added an extensive and convenient foundry, well arranged for every kind of heavy work, and have been so fortunate as to secure a very desirable contract with the U.S. Armory here, which will enable me to keep constantly a number of superior workmen in that branch of my business.

Mrs. Tyler has taken her abode in your city for the winter. She did not leave all her little at the South, in which respect however I have been more fortunate.

With every reason to rejoice & bless you

I am sincerely yours

P. B. Tyler.

Dr. W. M. Patterson.

James Prop. Insurance Coys
New York January 10th 1848

Dr. Sir

Yours of the 8. Inst.

Enclosing my bill against the Mint is at
hand, answered you have my corrected bill,
I supposed when the first bill was made,
that the Cents contained \$100 each. It
seems that in this I was mistaken, I
hope that this will prove to be correct
and satisfactory.

Your Obedt Serv

A. Chambers

P.S.

Remit the amount of the
amended bill and much obliged

Yours &c

A. Chambers

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Philadelphia, *June 10* 1848

Take Notice, you are rated for the
present year, as follows:

Real Estate, -	\$ 80,000
Personal Tax, -	
Income from Occupation, -	
Dog, -	
Household Furniture and Silver Plate, -	
Moneys at Interest, -	
Money loaned on Mortgage, -	
Stocks, -	
Gold Lever Watch, -	
Silver Lever Watch, -	
Plain Gold Watch, -	
Plain Silver Watch, -	
Carriage, -	
Horses, -	
Cows, -	
Salary or Emoluments of Office, -	

The Appeal will be held on the *9th*
day of *June* A.D. 1848,
between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.,
at the County Commissioners' Office, up
stairs, west wing of the State House.

Saml. D. Brown
Assessor.

To *U. S. Mint*

Minist. of the United States.
Jan. 10th, 1848.

Sir,

I send enclosed a copy of a letter
from the Secretary of the Treasury, and
beg that you will give to it your earliest
attention. You will observe that it is
the original of the communication sent by
the Magnetic Telegraph, and received on the
7th inst.

Very respectfully
and faithfully yours,
R. M. Patterson.
Director

To/ }
Gen. R. Snodden, Esq. }
Wash. D. C. }
Minist.

[Followed by a copy of the letter in question,
which is on file of this date.]

U.S. Mint, Philad^a.

January 8th. 1848.

Gentlemen,

I have received 27
Reg's copper planchets, for Schooner
Edith, as per ^{your} receipted invoice of
December 21. 1847.

Very respectfully

Wm. B. Cress

(signed)

Jas. Ross Snowden
Treasury.

To

Messrs. Crocker & Co.
Mintons,
N.Y.

Treasury Department
Jan: 8. 1858.

Sir

You are hereby authorized to
offer a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of
Randall Hutchinson as suggested by you.
I am very truly
Yours

M. C. Young
Actg Secy of the Treasury.

D. D. M. Patterson
Inspector of Mint
Philad^a.

U.S. Mint, Philad^a.
January 8th. 1848.

Sir, Yours of the 6th inst. has
been received with the enclosed bill
for expenses on distribution of copper coins.
You will observe one correction to be
made in the bill, the 3 Reg^s of the 15th June
contained only \$250. Please send
me a corrected bill receipted if
I will pay the same as you may
direct.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedient^{ly}
(signed) J. R. Thorpe
Mear.

To
W. Chamberlaine Esq.
Troy & Erie Co.
N.Y.

Memorandum bearing upon Mr. Hutchinson's
Case. — Sat. Jan 8, 1911.

Major Beach (late Treasurer,) stated that
Mr. Moore, who keeps a Stationary Store at the
Great River, had told him that he went to
New York, on Sunday last, in the car with Mr.
Hutchinson. That he had told him, before
getting out, to get the ^{trunks} ~~trunks~~, one for each, and
take them in his own name, (Mr. Moore) and that he
had done so.

On this way he asked Mr. Hutchinson asked
Mr. Moore whether he thought the trunks were
safe. In answer, the inquiring was made as to the
place where Mr. H. had his trunk. He replied
that it was in the car. Mr. H. said that
he had valuable in it.

Mr. Mitchell, of the W.S. Hotel, was also
with them.

DISVALGATION.—We learn that a case of default has occurred at the U. S. Mint, in Philadelphia. Randal Hutchinson, who has been employed in the Mint as a clerk since 1840, has absconded, having embezzled about \$10,000 of the ordinary fund, provided for the payment of the incidental expenses of the Mint, of which fund he had the immediate charge.

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 8, 1848.

My dear Sir,

As I was coming home to tea this evening, I was accosted in the street by a gentleman in these words: "Do you know the clerks in the Mint?" "Every one of them", I replied. "Well", said he, "the Boston Times of this morning announces that one of them is a defaulter for a large amount." "Impossible", I exclaimed, almost confounded; but instantly thinking of the Clerk of the Subtreasury, [I beg his pardon] with whom I am not acquainted, I felt relieved, & eagerly asked the defaulter's name. The gentleman could not recollect it; but, said he, "if you will repeat the names of the clerks in the Mint, I shall perhaps recognise it." "No sir," said I, "I will not mention one of them in such a connection." — "Well", said he, "you will find the whole story in the Times." — I lost no time in procuring a copy, & I send enclosed the slip which I cut from it. — Until my eye fell upon this most astounding paragraph, I protest that my suspicions were like Noah's dove, which "found no rest for the sole of her foot." —

And now, my dear Sir, can this be true? I will not believe it until I hear from

You, & I beg you to put an end at once
to my suspense. God grant that it may
be false. — Poor Hutchinson, — would you
were dead — any thing but this!

In great haste

Most truly yours,

Geo. F. Downing

Dr. R. McPallerson,
W.S. Minst

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
January 7th 1848

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst and to state that the accounts abstracts presented by Mr. P. Callahan have been submitted as requested and those withdrawn returned to him.

Respectfully

Yours Obt. Servt

W Collins

1st Auditor

To James R. Knicker E. }
Wm. W. Knicker }
Philadelphia }

Washington Aug 26. 1848.

Sir

I am confined this morning
by illness to my bed from which I
write to say in reply to yours of yesterday
that the fund for the entire amount must be
made good at once by the Treasurer

Yours &c

R. M. Patterson

R. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

W. L. McInt. Jan. 6, 1868.

I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury, early this morning, a letter which went by the East, at 8.30. a.m. I had not time to make a copy. It referred to a call made at my house, last evening, by Judge Kane, Mr. Snowden, and two police officers, as mentioned that telegraphic dispatches were sent to all the places at which it was deemed likely that ~~the~~^{Mr. Hutchinson} might be found; with a description &c.

I stated that it had been recommended both by the U.S. District Judge, and the Mayor of the city, that a reward of \$500 should be offered for the securing the person of Mr. Hutchinson; and I asked his consent to this measure.

W. L. McInt. to the Secy,
Treasury.

U.S. Mint, January 16th 1848.
Dear Sir

When the melancholy occurrence at the Mint, which has just come to light, will permit your mind to dwell upon the thought of appointing a Successor to the late Clerk, I shall be much gratified if you will consider the propriety of advancing my Salary to \$1,200. and fixing the salary for the new Clerk at \$1000 for the present (there being only \$2,200 to be divided between the two Clerks.) Although a future period on some account, would seem to be more appropriate for presenting the subject to your kind consideration yet I am induced to name it now, inasmuch as delay in communicating my wishes may altogether defeat them. There are many reasons, which can assign in favor of my request; though I shall mention but one at the time. The Copper transactions, were not in my keeping when I entered the Mint; since that time the average distribution of copper coins has been about \$50,000 per annum, last year over \$60,000. The only One per cent Commission was allowed on the Sales. My salary has been increased only \$100. Since the copper business has been committed to my care. This portion of my labors constitutes a considerable and important

part of the Mint operations, and in connection
with my other duties renders my departure
much onerous and valuable than that which
my Coadjutor filled.

Satisfied with merely calling your kind
attention to this subject at present and assigning
a single reason for desiring you to grant
my request, I beg your indulgence
for having chosen the present time,
and would respectfully solicit a personal
interview (if necessary) at such time
as will be suitable & agreeable to you.

Very respectfully truly,
Yours obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Edelman

To / Dr R. M. Patterson
Director, U. S. Mint.

Treasury department
First Auditor Office
January 5th 1868

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of Copper amount for the 4th Quarter of
1867.

Respectfully
Yours Ob^d Serv^t

W^m Collins

First Auditor

James F. Gordon Esq
Treasury
Philadelphia

W.S. Atwood, Phila. Jan 5, 1848

Via abstracts nos 4, 15, & 17 of
the wish to withdraw the accounts sent,
yesterday of the Bullion transactions in the
mint, and present the corrected ~~abstracts~~
which our Mr. McCullough of the mint
will hand you. He will explain this
matter more fully.

Yours very Respectfully
Jesse M. Smith

Samuel Ross Brewster
Treas.

Wm. Collins Esq
105 Arch. of the Treasury

Wash. D.C. Jan. 6/48.

Dear Sir,

I have received the note regarding
an increase in your salary. I will keep the
question in view, but cannot now give any
phase with respect to it.

Very truly yours,

R. M. P.

Mr. Edelman.

New York Nov 4. 1848

Rev. U. S. Mint

Extensive Building

We have just
recd. for transportation line for acc.
Procter & Co. 31 cars of 30 st. 42 in
Copper wire as per young of —

Respectfully yr. serv.

A. J. Miller

J. Roper Snenden Esq
Treasr

Dated 4th Jan'y 1848

Sir, The 22nd Inst. Cont.
\$283³⁴ 000000 in Copper Coin, by Order of the
as for the loading & invoice in your 100th letter
have been received by us.

Respectfully yrs
R. S. Snenden

James Ross Henderson
Treas.
N.Y. N.Y.
Syracuse, N.Y.

Sacramento Feb 28. 1878.

Enclosed find bill, & enclose B/L of 35.000 Cobs
planchet, shipped to Bank for Driggs
via Boston, amounting to \$2,688- payable
in Cobs for Com.

We have received your favor of the
24th inst. - The defects in the planchet
alluded to, must have been
accidental, and we will see that it
does not occur again -

Very Respectfully
Geo. W. B. Bro.

U. S. Mint, Philad^a

February 24, 1848.

Gentlemen, The C. Coiner has commenced
coining the copper planchets rec^d. from
you in. Schone Michigan, and ex-
periences so much difficulty on ac^t. of
their hardness, as almost to determine
him to reject them. They are also of
irregular sizes and wanting in cleanness.
I hasten to call your attention to these defects
in the blanks, that you may prevent
their occurrence in those you are now
preparing. The copper should be well
cleaned, well annealed & of uniform size.

Very res^{ly},
Wm C. Co. Sec^y

(signed) Mr. Rob. Snowden
Treas.

To
Messrs. Crocker Bros & Co
Manufacturers
Mass.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb. 24, 1848.

Sir,

Mr. Randal Hutchinson having, as you know, lately absconded from the Mint, and thereby vacated his place as a Clerk of the Treasurer, the duty devolves upon me, under the 3d sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, of appointing his successor, with the approbation of the President. In the performance of this duty, I beg leave, most respectfully, to submit, through you, to the President, for his approbation, Mr. Thomas J. Miles, of Philadelphia, as in my judgment a suitable candidate for the vacant clerkship. In testimony of his fitness for the place, — his good character, and his standing in Society, — I send the enclosed recommendations from many of our most respectable and distinguished citizens.

The penalty in the bonds required of the other clerks in the Mint is \$5000; it will probably be expected, after the

Dear

defalcation of Mr. Hutchinson that his successor should
give a higher security, and would submit for your
approval the sum of \$10,000.

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By H. R. DeVolter
Mr. C. Young,

Adm. Sec. of War,

Washington

not in receipt

U. S. Mint, Philad^a
February 24th 1848.

Gentlemen, I have shipped to you,
this day, per John Perleman for your
place, four hundred and twenty two \$1.00
dollars in copper coins in full payment of
your invoice of copper planchets dated 19th
ult.

Amount of invoice \$426.08

Net weight 367 lbs. 320 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1.17

Paid for you as:-

Freight to A. B. Corlay 2.00

Proterage from Wharf 50

Shipped as per bill of lading

enclosed. 122.41, \$426.08

We will please to send me 30 kegs
of copper planchets (equal in quality
and manufacture to the last lot furnished
by you) payable in copper coins at
the usual price. When can you
execute this order?

Very resp^y

Wm. B. Corlay

(signed) J. R. Snowden

To Messrs. A. F. Gilbert & Co
New York

Dear

U. S. Mint Philad^a
February 23^d 1848

Dear Sir, I received your letter
of the 21st and Messrs. Adams & Co
have delivered the foreign coins
sent by them. The value of the
deposits can only be determined
after it is melted. This arises
from the great variety of coins,
and among these marked strangers
and English coins, a great number of
guilders and French coins are found.
I am informed by the Assayer, that
he will be able to report upon the
result of the melt by to-morrow,
at which time I hope to deliver
the amount to Messrs. Adams & Co

Yours respectfully,
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Henry Hubbard Esq
Appt. Secy Boston

Albion N.Y.
Feb. 21, 1848.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th, with the Official
Bond of Samuel Hutchinson and his Sureties,
has received this morning, and the penalty of the
Bond, to wit five thousand dollars, has been paid,
by the ~~Bank~~ ^{Bank of Albany} to the Treasurer of the Mint,
and a discharge to the Sureties given.

The Official Bond is returned to your hands,
and the certified copy, with a duplicate of the
discharge by the Treasurer, has been given to Mr.
J. P. Hutchinson.

RAMP.

D.

J. M. McCulloch, Esq.
First Auditor of Treasury U.S.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Pa., 21st

Whereas, I, James R. Snowden, Treasurer of the Mint
of the United States, by a letter from J. W. McCulloch, Esq.,
Comptroller of the Treasury of the U.S. dated the 16th of Feb-
ruary, and on file in the Visitor's Office of the United States,
has been instructed to receive the penalty which has accrued
on the official bond of Randal Hutchinson, late a Clerk in
the Mint, and to execute a discharge for the same, and whereas
the said penalty has been this day ~~paid to me~~ the 21st day
of February 1898 paid to me by J. Randal Hutchinson,
a surety on the said bond, I hereby acknowledge the receipt
in full of Five thousand dollars that is to say the full
sum of Five thousand dollars, I hereby acknowledge
to have received the said penalty in full for the benefit of the
United States and in full discharge of the said bond
and of the sureties ~~thereon~~ to the said bond.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

21 Feb 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James W. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement.

2791
2333

U. S. Mint, Philad^{ca}
February 21st 1848,

Gentlemen, The copper planchets,
rec^d from you last month, have been
coined, and the result is very favorable,
as to the quality of the copper, the ^{uniformity} of the
pieces and the annealing. The pieces run
about 2 1/2 grains heavy.

The Mint weight is less than the invoice
weight by 3⁶⁵ parts, avoird, which at
32 cts. per lb. amounts to \$ 1.17.

Please render a receipted bill
with this sum deducted, when I
will ship the copper coins to your
order in payment thereof.

I will communicate with you in a few
days, in relation to giving you a further
order.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^l serv^t.

S. H. & Co. (Signed) J. R. Snowden
N. York. Treas.

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston February 1. 1878

At the C.

I send this day by Messrs Adams & Co. a small lot of Foreign Gold together with some Foreign Silver, it being all that I have in the vault not purely American, & as I am now drawn on pretty close it is desirable that every thing in the vault should be in suitable coin for paying out: I therefore hope that you will be able to give to Messrs Adams & Co. a like amount in American Gold Silver by return of mail. —

I send. p 10363.90 500g^{ms} English coins.

3108. 08. Meodah Gola

501.30. Spanish Coins.

401382. Old American Gold.

Prashong — \$ 18.087.10 which I should like in American
Eagles, as much as can be.

Labels in Lotou - \$638.91 - in Giofrances

1860. in Mexican ~~the~~ ^{the} Dollars

Making \$ 1298.91 - of which \$500 in times & \$200 in 4 times

The remainder in American Dollars would be as I should like, but if you find it inconvenient to do so, you will please suit yourself. —

James B. Snowden Esq.
Master U. S. Minr.
Philadelphia

Lamson Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant. Henry R. Hubbard
 Dr. A. A. Hubbard Clerk

Copy.

New Orleans, 20 February 1848.

R. J. Walker Esq

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Sir,

On the third of this month I had the honor to communicate to you on the 3d of this month certain information which appeared to me to bear on the forgery and counterfeiting of the gold coinage of the United States.

Since then I have learned that the persons mentioned in that letter viz: the Tylers, had their residence in the building of the Mint: further, that Albert Mitchell who was then employed in the Criminals department was several times heard to say that "he knew enough about the Tylers to ruin them if he were disposed to tell it." Mitchell now lives at Hargrove, Monmouth Co. Illinois. My informant is the person mentioned in my last letter.

I am, very respectfully

Your most obt. servant

Thomas S. Durant

Attorney of the United States for the District of Louisiana.

Mont. Wm. Phil. Feb. 18/48

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., instructing me to demand from the Surber to the bond of Mrs. Randall Hutchinson, the penal sum of that bond, viz. \$5000.

With your letter you also sent to me a certified copy of the bond in question, - proposing, for reasons which you mention, to retain the original; but you say that if Mrs. J. Pemberton Hutchinson desires it you will transmit to her the bond itself, to the end that the discharge may be executed by the Auditor in duplicate, that is to say upon the bond and the copy, - with the expectation that the bond will then be returned to the Department."

I have had an interview with Mr. Pemberton Hutchinson, and have to state that he desires that the original bond be sent, upon the conditions which you offer, - that is to have the receipt and discharge endorsed upon it and then returned to you. If, therefore, the bond be sent to me the business will be closed without delay.

Yours,
J. W. McCallister, Esq.
Comptroller of the Fundy
J. W.

R. M. P.

Sir,

Tuesday, Department
Comptroller's Office
14 Feb 48

In accordance with the wish of President
Hutchinson Esq^r, in respect to your letter of the
18th inst to this office, that the official
bond of W Randall Hutchinson, as of altered
quantity he was, might be sent to you
to the end that the payment of the penalty
Five thousand Dollars, might be acknowledged
thereon, as well as upon the certified copy
heretofore furnished - and the original be
then returned to me, I now enclose said
bond for that purpose and remain

R M Patterson Esq^r Truly Yours
Director of the U S Mint J W Caldwell
Philadelphia Comptroller

Private

Washington 18 July '48

My dear Sir,

You were perfectly right in addressing your letter as you did in relation to the affairs - indeed if you had addressed it otherwise I should have of course laid it before Mr. W. at once - as I did - for he did not see it, before it passed through my hands.

Between ourselves there is something like a mountain to be made of a mole-hill in the affair and a beautiful speculation may be made by small potato politicians out of it - Can any one suppose for a moment that those officers could have designed a fraud? Certainly not. Might not the particular piece below the standard, by some means or other owing to the

imperfect admixture of the alloy
with the pure metal have
caused the reduction in the
one piece assayed below the
standard? Without any practi-
cal knowledge on the subject
I must say that in my opinion
such might be the fact.

The Silver ranges high - If those
officers had intended to do
wrong it is not natural
to suppose that both Silver
and Gold would have been
reduced?

What I write is my own
private views of the matter
which I frankly lay before
you. I think you are right in
causing the inquiries to be
made which you have done.

Mr W. will lay the subject
before the P. tomorrow & I
may have occasion to write
an official letter then or
on Monday.

Yours Truly

McL. Young

Dr R. Patterson

18 July 1848

New York 18 Feb^y 1848

Dear Sir

I am possessor of a Farm on the
border of Pennsylvania partly cleared
it is stated to me to be the opinion of
several of the Neighbours that there is
a Silver Mine on a part of it I have
owned the Farm several years - Have a
man & his family on it to clear & improve
it - My residence being in New York City my
reason for troubling ^{you} is to enquire if you
will be so kind as inform ^{me} if there is any ^{way}
of ascertaining without the expence of
digging whether there is one underground
I have heard of Mineral Buds or similar
means I should esteem it a great
favor if you would write me a
Line on the subject

I am Dear Sir Very Respectfully

R. L. Patterson Esq^r
Director of the
Mints Philadelphia

Yours P^d Serv^t
John M^r Rae

109 Canal St
New York

Mint of the U. States, Phila July 18. 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst.
enclosing my Commission as Treasurer of
the Mint of the United States at Phila.

With the highest respect
I have the honor to be
your friend & M^{ch} Serv^t

S. R. C.

Hon^{ble} James Buchanan
Secretary of State
of the U. States.

DISSOLUTION.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the Firm of A. & S. WILLETS, is dissolved by mutual consent, by the retirement of Amos Willets. The outstanding business will be closed by the remaining partners, who will sign in liquidation.

AMOS WILLETS,
SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d mo. 17, 1848.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The subscribers have this day formed a co-partnership, under the Firm of WILLETS & CO., who will continue the business heretofore conducted by Ab. J. Willets, at 303 Pearl Street.

SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d mo. 17, 1848.

P. S.—WILLETS & Co. having assumed the entire business and accounts of the late Firm of A. & S. Willets, it will not be necessary to make any alteration in your books.

New York Nov 22 1848
J. Rap. Snowden Junr
Estimate Funds

Thine of 21st is
before us in which thou says
"24 kees containing 2291.20" - The bill
of lading says "23 kees" - in pursuance
the latter is correct & the am. of 2291
will be found to be that named in the
letter -

Respectfully thy servt
W. H. Miller

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
February 16, 1848.

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst., addressed to the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the encroachment of a large part of the Contingent Fund of the Mint, committed by W. Randall Hutchinson, a Clerk of the Treasury, in which you state that Mr. J. Pemberton Hutchinson, one of the sureties of the said clerk has declared his readiness to pay the penalty of the Official bond, \$5,000.— whenever demanded; having been referred to this Office, it becomes my duty to instruct you to make said demand; which you will do by requesting him to pay the said penalty to the Treasurer of the Mint; who is hereby authorized to receive said penalty and to execute a discharge for the same, upon the enclosed copy of the said bond, and deliver it to said surety.

I would send the bond instead of the enclosed copy, but for the reason that I believe the retention of the original, at least for a season, will be useful in determining the liabilities of the Treasurer of the Mint, to the United States, created by that encroachment— wherefore, I prefer to retain the bond now, but if Mr. J. Pemberton Hutchinson desires it, I will transmit to you

the bond itself, to the end that the aforesaid discharge may be
executed by the Treasurer in duplicate, that is to say upon the
bond, and the enclosed copy, and with the expectation that the
bond will, then, be returned to the Department - for the
reason aforesaid.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient

Wm. W. C. C. C.

Secretary

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Int office St Louis Mo
February 17th 1898.

Sir,

Herewith please receive a draft
for one hundred dollars on E. M. Clark & Co.,
for which please send as soon as
practicable ten thousand cents, for
the use of this office.

Very Resp^{tly}

Jno. M. Winick
Postmaster

J. R. Snowden Esq
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Mont. W. L. Feb. 12, 1848.

Sir,

When Mr. Randal Hutchinson, (the
Clerk who has lately departed the office,)
entered upon his duties, on the 22d of Jan.
1840, he gave bond to the amount of \$5000,
with his brother J. Pemberton Hutchinson and
John Moss Esq. as sureties. This bond was
sent by me to the Treasury Department.
Let me respectfully suggest the propriety
of ^{collecting} ~~demanding the getting of~~ without
further delay, of the \$ from the Sureties, &
the penal sum for which they are bound.
Mr. J. Pemberton Hutchinson has promised
to pay it, ~~without~~ when once demanded.

As the money taken by Mr. Randal
Hutchinson was from the Ordinary fund,
I infer ~~presume~~ that the \$5000 to be received
will be ~~apport~~ given back to that fund,
and, in this case, I believe that it will be

in our power to pay the expenses of the current fiscal year, without requiring a special appropriation to replace the moneys fraudulently taken from our provided, however, that the sum ~~amount~~ of \$13,623.81 due from the Clerk to the Mullins Account, may not be transferred ~~until~~ ^{after the close of the} end of June next.

In consequence of

The diminished amount of Congress, and ^{rapid} of the progress of our ~~think~~ that, with ~~careful~~ economy, we may bear the expenses of the next fiscal year 1848-49, without ^{requiring} from Congress any addition to the appropriations asked for before the occurrence by which our ordinary fund has been so much reduced.

R. M. P.

W. Clinton Young, Esq.
Acting Secy of the Treasury

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I have heretofore ~~had~~ received, from
the Clerk of the House of Representatives, a
few Copies of my Annual Report of the ^{Mint} ~~of the~~ ^{my last} operations;
but Mr. Campbell now informs me that ~~some~~
~~are~~ ^{are not} printed for the lower House. May I then
ask you to have a few ^{copies} sent to me, of those prin-
ted for the Senate? You doing so will oblige
me much.

R. M. P.

Thos. Geo. M. Dallas.
U. S. of U. S.

Boston 14 February 1848
To the Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

(Dear Sir)
I send a Keg of Silver
wishing to have^{it} coined one half in Dimes
and the balance in half Dimes

Yours Respectfully
S. M. Dodd

Boston 14 February 1848
C. Mc. Pittsman Esqr
Dear Sir

I send by Express
1 Key Silver coin wishing to have the same
received one half in (Silver) and the other
in half Pennies

Yours Respectfully
J. M. Dodd
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Mint of the United States

The President of the United States has designated the following gentlemen as Special Commissioners to attend the annual Assay to be held at the Mint this day

Professor E. N. Horsford, of Cambridge, Mass.
Professor Robley Dunglison, ~~the~~ of Philadelphia
Professor James B. Rogers of Philad.

The Commissioners ex officio are

Hon. John K. Kane, Judge U.S. District Court
Philadelphia

Thomas M. Pettit, Esq. U.S. District Attorney
James Page, Esq. Collector of the Port

N. Am.

Penn.

Sedgwick

Inquirer

Times

Albion N.Y.

Feb. 12 / 61.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter and I
thank you for it. Mr. Waller's message
is explicit, and I confess it is not unexpected.
The circumstances under which his former re-
commendation was given, and the grounds by
which it was defended, were such as greatly
to induce its influence upon me.

I cannot pledge myself now as to any
candidate, because as it is a Treasurer's Club
that is in question, the Town must be con-
sulted and satisfied.

R. W. S.

Wm. G. M. Dallas
Westbury N.Y.

Office House of Reps. U.S.
February 12 1848

Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant
has been received.

The House of Representatives do
not print your annual report this year
the Senate having previously ordered the
printing of it.

It would have afforded me
great pleasure to furnish you extra copies
of the report if it had been printed by the
House of Reps.

I am very respectfully

Sir

Your Obedt Servt

Wm. Campbell
Clerk H. of Reps. U.S.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

United States Mint, Philad^a.
February 12th. 1848.

Sir, I herewith forward you, the
"weekly statement" ending this day,
with cancelled vouchers, shewing the
State of the Treasury and public moneys
deposited in the Mint, by the Treasurer
of the United States.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^l. Serv^t.
(signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treasurer

To
William Belden, Esq.
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington

February 11, 1848

Cash on hand (Ordinary fund) \$28,261.10
 Do (Copper fund) 157,500.00 \$4,395.10
 appts. for specimens of ores & coals - sundries 150.00
 To be received from A. P. Hutchinson, Esq. 5,000.00
 Estimated profits on copper from this date
 to June 30, 1848 (corresponding period last year \$7,400) 5,000.00
 \$14,515.10

Estimated Expenses -

From this date to June 30, 1848. \$4,500.10
 Expenses of ores & coals, 150.00 14,650.10
 Probable Balance remaining June 30, 1848 \$ 9,895.10

To which add -

1. Estimated profits on copper from this date to June 30, 1849, 10,000.00
 (profits for the year 1847 - June 30, 1848)
 2. Gains or deductions from deposits of Bullion from 1st Jan, 48 to 30th June 49, 2,500.00
 3. The appropriation asked to meet the expenses of the Mint up to the 30th day of June 1849... 60,644.19
 \$ 83,039.19
- Deduct amount due Bullion Account (Dec. 31/47) 13,623.81
 \$ 69,415.19

The Expenses of the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1849, may be estimated as follows -
 for Incidental & Cont. Expenses, \$15,000.19
 Wages of Laborers, 24,000.00
 Salaries of Officers & Clerks 19,200.00 58,200.19
 Balance remaining to cover the wages for 1848. \$ 11,215.00

Miss A.C.
P.R. Feb. 11/68.

Dear Sir,
If you have any copies of my
annual report that can be spared,
you will greatly oblige me by sending
a few of them to me. This favor has
been always extended to me by your
predecessors.

Yours truly,
P.M.P.

To /
W. S. Campbell, Esq.,
Chas. Moore Rep.

My Dear Sir

I have just left our friend Mr Walker, whose health is improving every day, tho' not yet entirely restored. He gave it to me in especial charge to write to you and to say "that he did not know Mr Derringer and did not intend to recommend his appointment to the clerkship vacated by Hutchinson in any language whatsoever used by him: - that he had such entire confidence in yourself that he would instantly sanction any one you designate: - that his opinion, however, is that Mr D. J. Miles ought to be appointed and that he hopes you may agree with him" - I believe I have set it down word for word.

I mentioned to Mr W. that if he really had any preference for Mr Derringer, on any account whatever, that preference would, I did not doubt, have almost conclusive weight with you, as it certainly would with me. He instantly disclaimed, and begged me to write the above.

I am truly and respectfully

Yrs. friend & ser.

G. M. Dabhal.

10. Feb. 1848

Dr Robert M. Patterson.

In our Commercial Record, yesterday, we copied, from the New York Courier & Enquirer, a statement of the operations of the Mint and its Branches during the past year, showing the coinage to have amounted to \$22,857,662, and the deposits to \$23,069,613; and we ~~also~~ ^{also} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~out reflection~~ ^{without reflection}, we inferred drawn by the New York Paper, that the excess of deposits over coinage showed the amount of loss by coinage. We now find that this is a gross error. The New York Editor might have inferred this from the fact that at two of the four mints the coinage exceeded the deposits, and would thus, on his mode of estimating, show a gain by wastage. The true explanation is, that at closing the operations of each year, the Mints always have on hand a certain ^{amount} of bullion uncoined, and which will therefore, though being to the deposits of the past year, and the coinage of the following year. On the 31st of December 1867, we are informed that in the Philadelphia Mint amounted to more than \$478,000, the greater part of which was received during the last week of the year.

The New York Courier & Enquirer gives the aggregate coinage of the Mints of the United States during the past year, which, it will be seen by the annexed statements, exceeds 24 millions of dollars, of which more than 10 millions is in gold coin. The President's Message, at the opening of the session, stated the whole amount at "over 10 millions." It runs over by 14 millions.

Coinage at the several Mints.	
In gold,	\$10,221,200
In silver,	8,374,450
In copper,	61,012
	\$18,656,662
Deposits amounted to—In gold, \$2,419,204	
	silver, 7,450,009
	\$1,000,000

The loss by coinage, it will be seen—that is, the difference between the cost of foreign coin deposited and the value of the American coin reproduced—was about \$112,000, or about 1/2 % cost, besides the salaries and cost of the mints and their officers.

Camden Feb. 8. 1838.

James Ross from New York.

Dear Mr. Ross,

Sir

Annexed we have
inv. of 20 bags Copper Plate, shipped
per Brig Foster, via Boston - amounting
to \$1.535 -

and

Yours

Very Respectfully,

George D. Doro. & Co.

U. S. Mint, Philad^a.
February 5th 1848.

Sir, I herewith, forward you,
the "correct statement" ending this day,
with a cancelled voucher, showing
the state of the Bullion and public
money deposited in the Mint, by the
Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t
(signed) J. R. Snowden
Treasurer.

To William Belden Esq
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington.

Cambridge, Feb. 4, 1848.

Dear Sir, Your letter and the
enclosure from Mr. Young came
to hand two days since. I
have endeavored to reply to
the communication of the Acting
Secretary of the Treasury.

It will give me pleasure
to fulfil as well as I may the
duties of this commission.

I have been awaiting
the receipt of the pamphlet
to which your letter refers;
- it has not yet come to
hand. With my best regards
intention I shall leave here

on Thursday PM I next
will be at the United
States Hotel in your city
Friday evening. If you will
be kind enough to accept
the pamphlet to me there, I
shall feel greatly obliged and
will with the expression of
my indebtedness for the honor
I have received at your suggestion
and the hope that I shall
soon have the pleasure of a
personal interview.

I am very respectfully
and truly yours,
Chas. H. Stansford

R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint

New York 2 mo 3. 1848

Mr. Nathaniel

Dear Sir

Enclosed

The School Book

has delivered us twenty one Keys
Copper Coins said to contain twenty
hundred & fifty one 9/100 Dollars

Very truly yours

Wm. Miller

Washington City - Senate Chamber
Feb 1, 1848.

Sir

The Bearer of this Mr. J. T. P.
Nunt is travelling with his friends
Mr D A Bantoin and Mr Levi Sargent.

They are desirous to have an opportunity
of seeing the operations of the Mint.

They are highly respectable gentlemen
of Manchester N.H. and I commend
them to your kind attention.

Most respectfully

Yours obed^t Serv^t

J^r Patterson

C E Weston

Superintendent

US Mint

Inclut upon \$300.16
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In Reg. sent 1800
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the price of the
entire volume.

Wm. W. W. W. W.
of the
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March 31/18

President of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 29, 1848.

Sir,
On the 24th ultimo, I had the honor of presenting, through you, for the appointment of the President, Mr. Thomas S. Atiles of this city, as a Clerk of the Court, to supply the place ~~vacant~~ ^{vacant} ~~by~~ the formerly filled by Mr. Randall Hutchinson. Since this communication, I have heard nothing on the subject from the Department. We have ~~found~~ ^{learned}, however, from this lengthened delay, which has given us an experience of three months, that the ~~real~~ loss of the services of one of the Clerks has not been so seriously felt as we had anticipated; and we therefore are willing, if ~~such~~ ^{no} objection be made by you, to extend this trial, and to ascertain whether we can continue to perform the duties satisfactorily without the Clerks that we now have.

One of the principal duties of the Clerk that has left us, was the preparation of the Director's Warrants. I propose that this task should now be committed to the Director's Clerk; and with this relief, I hope that it will be found that the remaining duties can be satisfactorily ^{performed} by the the two Clerks of the Treasury.

~~Since the first of January, on the Clerk, Mr. G. W.
Hague, has prepared, all the duties which had belonged
to Mr. Hutchinson. He has justly earned a remuneration
for his extra services, and I respectfully ask
for authority to pay him \$100 for such extra services
performed during the quarter.~~

I am authorized by Col. Surcouf to say that
he approves of the course which I have pursued above.

R. M. P.

Mrs. R. J. Walker,
Secy of Treasury.

U.S.
Hutchinson

Clyde, N. Y.

The Judge has fixed
Wednesday next for the
trial of the above case.

Can you cause Col.
Snowden & Mr. Edelman
to be so informed?

Mrs. Truly

V. M. Pettit

March 25, 1898

Dr. Patterson

War Department
Washington, March 27, 1868

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant enclosing an account for expenses of procuring the medal voted to Major General Taylor by the Joint Resolution of Congress of March 2^d, 1867. I have directed the payment of this amount and beg you to be sure the thanks of this Department for the promptness with which the matter was conducted are by you, and the very satisfactory manner in which it has been executed under your direction. My acknowledgments are also due to the gentleman more immediately charged with the execution of work.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. Serv^t
W. L. Marcy,
Secretary of War

R. M. Patterson Esq,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia
Penn

Professor R. S. McCulloch
Philadelphia

New Orleans March 25th 1848.

Dear Sir,

When I came through Washington, on my way home, I learned with regret that your father was prevented, by indisposition, from attending the Treasury Department, and consequently I had to content myself with delivering your message to him through the Post-Office.

Since my arrival here I learned very little relative to the movements of our friend Dr. Riddle, except what I have from himself, and which, by the bye, does not reflect much credit upon him. This gentleman was one of the first persons who called to see me after I got home, and made me some very delicate propositions, which I rejected rather peremptorily. He first proposed that I should pay Dr. Hook \$1500 in quarterly installments, apply for the office of Payor, and recommend his brother, who has graduated a few days since, for the office of Master & Refiner; that on that same day he would place his resignation & that of Dr. Hook in my hands, but that there was no time to lose, that every thing would have to be arranged immediately, and that he would guarantee that on the 1st of April we would be both installed. He said that either place would suit his brother, but as he intended to continue his residence at the Mills, should his brother be appointed, and as there was a dwelling connected with the Minting Department, his brother would prefer that office. He asked a great many questions relative to the Officers of the Phil. Fund, to all of which however

I returned studiously vague and unmeaning answers. Although he seemed to be well acquainted with all my movements at the North, yet he was utterly ignorant of the facilities that were extended to me through your friendship and the courtesy of Dr. Patterson. I told him that if the office of Paymaster ^{had been} more vacant, I should have much rather applied for it, than for that of Auditor, but as I had already applied for the latter, in case of its being vacated by his resignation, I could not withdraw, and that I could never consent to pay anything, that I would either have the office in the legitimate way or not at all. He seemed by no means discouraged by such an abrupt refusal, and after a good deal of harping talking, asked me "how much I would take to waive my claims"; this, he said, was an honorable proposition, as I had gone to some expense in travelling at the North. To this I again replied that nothing could induce me to withdraw. He then said that he would not dissent in his resignation under these circumstances for some time, perhaps not before a change of administration took place. So we parted, and have not met since. What he is going to do, I am unable to say, his brother, Dr. George R., is now the foreman of his department, and certainly he has some good reason for placing him in this situation.

Dr. Jonas had sent me a letter of introduction to Dr. Patterson, through the ^{Rev.} Post Office, but I did not receive it, he promised me to write again to Dr. P. If you should be in possession of any information relative to this matter, you would oblige me very much by communicating it to me, if such can be done, and it shall be considered strictly confidential. Please give my best respects to Dr. Patterson, and encase Dr. Riddle

should have resigned, I would respectfully request you to use your influence in my behalf.

Hoping that this may reach you in good season

I remain

Very Respectfully

Your friend & Obedt Servant

Dr. J. F. Bonmans

New York March 25th 1848.

R. M. Patterson, Esq.

Director of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

By the medium of Messrs Adair & Co. we
yesterday sent to the U. S. Mint a box containing
silver coins, with which please follow the directions
of Messrs J. W. Ramey & Son of Baltimore.

We are,

Dear Sir,

yours respectfully,

Meyer & Co.

(Private & Confidential)

~~Letter of the Honorable Mr. Tyler.~~

Phil^a, March 24/41.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th, and it has embarrassed me, because I have not been able to answer it. You are aware that I am, from my position, made a party in the case. I have, indeed, just prepared a report on the subject, for the Department, and I am not at liberty to make known its tenor. I do not think, however, that there is any good reason why you should not enjoy your right of visit as usual.

Very faithfully yours,
R. M. D.

Philip M. Tyler, Esq.

Baltimore Mar. 23. 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your valued favor of 22^d
Inst. is received, and we feel much obliged
for your consent to receive the share of
Hunt's coin arrived at New York, we have
consequently requested Messrs. Meyer & Stuckert
to forward it at once, and hope the result
will encourage you to receive the other
drwaies of about 10,000 \$ A. -

The expression in our last letter -
which you quote - was only intended to express
that we were perfectly willing to defray
any and every expense that the Mint
might

might incur in obliging us by the reception
of this troublesome Card. -

Awaiting your further polite commands
& reaction, at your leisure, we remain,

very respectfully,

Yours obedt. Servts:

J. W. Burdett

Mint of the U. S.

Philad March 22, 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to send, herewith, the official bond of William J. Alexander, Esq., given on his appointment by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, as Superintendent of the Branch of the mint, at Charlotte N.C.; and I have certified that this bond of Mr. Alexander and his sureties is to my satisfaction.

As I had no personal knowledge of the sureties to the Bond, I applied to the Hon. W. M. Barringer for his opinion regarding them, and received from him the satisfactory communication of which a copy is subjoined.

Wm
McClintock Young, Esq
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Wm
Rind
22,

Unit U. S. March 22/48

Sent,

The subject of your letter of the 20th inst
has been referred to our Miller & Refiner, and he con-
sents to make one more trial of the Huttons' assay.
He will keep an exact account of the expense of refining,
and you will be charged for the cost to the Mint, but
certainly not as you propose, for any "Remuneration for
the trouble incurred"

You may, therefore, now order the parcel in
New York to be sent to us, - but not the expected
parcel until we have reported upon the first

Wm B

Of Mess. P. W. Breese & Sons

Batts.

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Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office Philad. March 26 1825.

My dear Sir, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, an account of the Profits on the Re-coinage of Foreign Coins and the expenses of transportation of Foreign and Old Coins, pursuant to your direction of September 22nd 1817.

Will you be so good as to issue your Warrant, in my favor, for \$291.21 the Balance due to the ordinary funds of the Mint from the United States.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt.

(signed)

John R. Snowden
Treas.

To Hon. Robert F. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury U.S.

Mont U.S. Phil.
25 March 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th enclosing certified copies of the bond of Randel Hutchinson, late clerk in the mint, and of my letter requesting the ^{President's} approval of his appointment. -

at the same time I received an account ~~for postage~~ ^{for} charges + J. G. Flügel, ^{our} Consul ~~at~~ at Leipzig, for postage chargeable against the U.S., some of them being arising from letters ~~sent to and from this Mint~~ ^{correspondence with} the U.S. To your question "Whether any of the items have been presented to the Mint," I reply that they have not. The letter described in the account is having passed between us and the Consulate are correctly stated. I return the paper in question is now returned.

Rm 6 2

By
McB. Gary
Actg. Secy of the Treasury

Paid.

Baltimore Mar. 20. 1848
To / R. W. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have to answer your valued
favor of 18th Inst. and to thank you for your
polite information in reference to Miller's Coin,
we must crave your indulgence for ones more
trespassing on your time and attention in regard
thereto. - In consequence of the results of several
parcels sent to the Mint during the last year,
a House in St. Thomas has sent us two parcels -
One No. 4,018. - arrived at New York and another
" " 10,320.45 on its way to Chesand place,
with the prospect of more soon coming on. -
Our friends in New York have sent us your
interesting letter to them of 3^d Inst. - (Meyer & Stucklin)

and they have communicated the result of report
ring there \$2,086.50, which produced 289.90
offices silver, and this retained by you \$366.64
on about 175/8% of Hayter dollar, this yield
being so much below what it would have
given entirely under your supervision that - at
the hazard of being importunate - we would
ask whether, when the entire amount comes
forward, you will not receive it at the Mint.

We would thus not trouble you with -
trifling lots, and be perfectly willing to pay
whatever remuneration you may consider an
equivalent to the Mint for the trouble and
expense incurred. - Hoping that you will
pardon our troubling you so often, we remain,
Truly, yours, &c. &c. Geo. W. Brown & Sons

(Private)

Springfield March 18th 1848

Dr R. M. Patterson

Dear Sir

I received a letter yesterday from Mr Brooks, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr Durant to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject of counterfeit coins &c. in which that gentleman, ^(Mr Durant) through the statement made to him by Mr C. D. Lyons, of New Orleans, comes to a very unjust and cruel decision in the premises in forming such a horrible opinion of myself & brother. The statement and foul insinuation of Mr Lyons is so malicious, and aims such a deadly blow at my hopes in business, & my character, that I am almost strangled. No honest man can fear conviction of crime, but the mere publicity of such an insinuation as that made by Mr Lyons, would crush my hopes, as it would be impossible to refute such a slander. I arrived yesterday from a tedious journey to Savannah, and was almost sick with fatigue, and the care which my business brought upon me, when the receipt of this news of this most unrighteous attack upon myself & brother & nephew & myself has unfitted my mind for business, for which my whole energy is required. My Brother Lucius is my foreman machinist, and is a hard working honest man and would suffer much, to know that he could be suspected of crime. If you can give me any consolation, you will confer a great favor by writing. - Very Respectfully, I trust yours

P. D. Lyons

Wash D.C. 15 March 48

Genl.

In your letter of yesterday you say that if we cannot refine the base Mexican coins for you you will be "in debt" how to make them available. I do not think that you will have any difficulty in the matter. Messrs Meyer & Struckon had the last parcel which they received refined at New York. I have shown your letter to our Mr. T.R. and he still objects to receiving coins which have before given him so much trouble by the metals which form part of their alloy, and the refining of which would be so very expensive to the Mint.

P.M.D.

By
Messrs. D. W. Bruce & Son
Baltimore

Baltimore 17 March 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia -

Dear Sir: We regret to learn by your favor of yesterday that you are indisposed to receive the Harkins coin so our address at New York for re-coinage, but as one of the objections stated by you is the smallness of the parcels, we beg leave to remark that we expect now shortly a larger amt. in addition, say upwards of ten thousand Harkins dollars, and if you can arrange to coin this money for us, we will wait till the whole is received.

By taking charge of this specie you will much oblige us, as we should otherwise be in doubt how to make it available.

Yours most obedt. servt.

J. W. Brown Esq.

Mint of the United States.
March 16, 1848.

Sir,
I send herewith a copy of a document ~~which is now~~
in my ^{possession} ~~hands~~, which shows that Capt. Eckfeldt received, at
St. Thomas, a sum of money amounting to \$2380, which had
been deposited in the Vault of St. Thomas by Mr. Lawrence,
Remond Hutchinson, under his assumed name of Lawrence.
This money is no doubt now in Capt. Eckfeldt's hands, and
there can be, I presume, no question of its having been of
the money taken by Mr. Hutchinson from the Mint. I
take the liberty of asking your attention to this matter, and
also to the importance of procuring the ^{evidence} ~~possession~~ of Capt. Eck-
feldt, who will probably, in a short time, ^{be} ~~be~~ to leave
this port for the West Indies.

Capt. Eckfeldt boards at the house of Mr. Wm.
Selworth, 141 Mulberry St. This command of the brig
W. S. Watson.

Yours,
RMT.

Wm. M. Pottel, Esq.
District Att. U. S.

Treasury Department
March 10. 1848.

22

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 11th instant, received this morning, I transmit a certified copy of your letter of appointment of Mr Randal Hestchen as a Clerk in the Mint - and, also, a copy of his Bond given at the time of his entering, and the duties of his office.

I also, enclose for your examination an account presented to the Department by the Atty. of D. J. C. Huger Consul of the U. States at Seiprie. Be pleased to state whether any of the charges have been presented to the mint on which some of them appear to be proper charges.

I am very Respectfully

Mr. G. Yarns

Act. Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Philad^a

Philad. 16/8/46

Gentlemen

In answer to your letter of yesterday I think it
proper to state that Messrs Meyer & Stricker are aware
that we cannot receive their foreign coins at the mint for
recoining. They are declined by us not on account of their
low and unsteady fineness, but on account of the presence of
other alloying metals than copper, rendering them hard and
brittle and (in the language of the mint) poisoning to the
anvil with which they are melted. They therefore
require a thorough refining, and this we cannot make
on so small parcels without great cost and loss.

Yours Rm D

Y^{rs} Messrs F. W. Brune & Sons

Baltimore

James Ross Browne Esq.

Camden March 15. 1898.

Dear Mr. Browne -

Sir.

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 10th inst. - and in
reply here to request you to make
shipment of Cents, on account on last
invoice, to Messrs. W. W. Woodbury, Boston,
& Messrs. Wilcox & Co., New York, sending to
the latter about two thirds the amount -
We are.

Yours Very Respectfully

Brook Bros. & Co.

Baltimore 15 March 1848
To the Comptroller of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: We send on today to ^{Mr. G. H. Brown} ~~Mr. G. H. Brown~~
& ~~Mr. G. H. Brown~~ ^{Mr. G. H. Brown} Documents for the entry of two boxes
Hankin Silver Coin, with directions to forward them
to you, proceeds to be held at our disposal, -
As soon as ascertained to good enough to inform
us the result of your assay of value, & the amount
for which we may draw on you. -

Asking your attention to the copies below of the notes
given us of the contents of the two boxes, we are

Ours most respectfully.

J. W. Brown Esq.

Box #3, 1 box Contg. 1 bag of \$1,000. -

500. -

1 " " 400. -

1 " " 300. -

1 " " 300. -

\$2,500.00

" #4, 1 box Contg. 2 " of \$1,000. -

454.37

1,454.37

" Hankin Currency ... \$4,018. -

Mont. D.C.

Phil. March 14/48.

Sir,

The District Attorney of the D.C. has ^{been} asked, as required for the trial of Mr. Randall Hutchinson, ^{my} the letter of appointment of Mr. Hutchinson with the President's approval, and ^{also} the bond which Mr. Hutchinson gave on entering upon the performance of his duties. These documents are in your Department. May I then ask that you will cause certified copies of them to be made, and sent to me.

R.M.P.

To
W.C. Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Treas.

N.B. The above is a copy from memory, of a letter written in Judge Pettit's office, and

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 13, 1848.

Sir,

I enclose a letter which I sent to you on the 28th
with. I send ^{to you} a copy of a letter received from Capt.
Jno. Eckfeldt, written at St Thomas, in which he
states that Mr. Randal Hutchinson had entered his
vessel, and would return with him to Philadelphia. I
have now to inform you that the vessel arrived last
night; and that Mr. Hutchinson was before the U.S.
District Court this morning; that a ~~bond~~ ^{bail} ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ the
amount of \$26,000 was required of him by the Judges,
which I presume he will not be able to obtain; and
that the case is to be brought before the Grand Jury
on Thursday next.

R. M. P.

To
Mr. Amos Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Treas.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
March 13. 1848

Sir,

That you may be certainly
and promptly placed in possession of the
Books and papers left in this office, and
asked for in your letter of yesterday; I send
them by Mr. C. S. Pick of this office, whom
I have instructed to take copies and bring them
back with him.

With great respect
I am, Sir,
Yours truly
J. M. C. Smith
Comptroller

Jas R. Snowden Esq
Treas &c
Philadelphia

New Haven March 7. 1848.

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor of the
23d ult. has been received, and places me under
great obligations to you. The information is such
as I had desired for my Mineralogical Manual
which I intend shall be a more practical work
than my larger treatise, or any other work of the
kind before the country. - Hoping for the pleasure
of receiving your kindness I remain with much
esteem

Very respectfully yours

Thomas D. Dana

R. M. Patterson Esq.

James Ross from the
Dorchester March 7. 1858.

Sir:

Amixed with
bill of 20 kegs planks shipped to
the, in brief Oak, amounting to
\$1.536-

but also balance of ledger on the
same - & remain.

Yours
Respectfully
Charles D. Ross

New York Jan. 7. 1848
Wm. A. Allen
Estimable Friend

We have this day
recd. \$2291.20 in coffee bond for
acc. from Bro. & Co. of Jamaica
N.Y. & Co. of the
Wells & Co.

From
Willetts & Co
N York, Dec 7. 1848.

Recd 9th



Chas. W. S. Willetts
Philadelph

DISSOLUTION.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the Firm of A. & S. WILLETS, is dissolved by mutual consent, by the retirement of Amos Willets. The outstanding business will be closed by the remaining partners, who will sign in liquidation.

AMOS WILLETS,
SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d mo. 17, 1848.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The subscribers have this day formed a co-partnership, under the Firm of WILLETS & CO., who will continue the business heretofore conducted by A. & S. Willets, at 303 Pearl Street.

SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d mo. 17, 1848.

P. S.—WILLETS & Co. having assumed the entire business and accounts of the late Firm of A. & S. Willets, it will not be necessary to make any alteration in your books.

Ellis M.B. Phil. March 3, 1848)

Dear Sir,

To the inquiries made in your letter of yesterday I make the following answer.

1. Halftone coins, &c. &c.

(See within memo.)

"hard and brittle, and (in the language of the mint) harder than the other bullion with which they are melted. They therefore require a thorough refining, and this we cannot make on so small pencils without great cost & loss.

Yours
R.M.P.

To/ Messrs. Meyer & Sturges

New York.

Memorandum from Assay-Office, for a reply
to the inquiries of Messrs Meyer & Stucker,
March 3. 1848.

Naytic coin began to offer for coinage
at this mint, in Jan'y 1847. Within that year
there were five deposits received; the last being in
October, since which time they have been refused, as
unfit for purposes of coinage without a previous
refining. - Those five parcels ~~are~~ ^{were} upon assay
gave the following results: 583, 597, 611, 612, 641,
thousandths fine; average of the whole, 609.

It seems therefore that they ought to yield
60 per cent. of fine metal; or in other words, a given
weight of coin ought to contain two-thirds of that
weight in metal of standard fineness. Assuming the
original weight as stated by Messrs M & S, 693 ozs.
would at that rate yield 462 ozs. Standard, = \$ 537.60.
But as the coin is variable in fineness, it cannot be
absolutely affirmed that that amount should have
been realized.

The coins of Nayti are declined, not on account
of their low or unsteady fineness, but on account of
the presence of other alloying metals than copper,
rendering the mass hard and brittle.

Mont. Dec. .
Mont. March 2 / 68.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that prompt measures must be taken by the Judge and Attorney of the West District Court here, for securing the person of Mr. Hutchinson as soon as the ~~next~~ Capt. Eckfeldt's vessel shall enter the river. The moving of the boat at St Thomas is in Capt. Eckfeldt's keeping, and he is a ~~man~~ gentleman well known to us, and in whose integrity I believe that full faith may be placed.

As to the amount of the penalty which I suggested for the bond to be given by the Clerk who is to fill the vacant place in the audit, I had ~~not~~ forgotten your recommendation that the sum should be \$20,000, ^{or was large as that required of the Court} but I felt a ^{large} repugnance to the selection of a sum ^{as large} as that in the bond of the Clerk in Charge of the Bullion fund, which is by far the ^{greatest} largest in the audit. Were the penalty in the latter bond required to be also made \$20,000, the incumbent, Mr. Sprague, might not be able to find ^{as his associations are not with wealthy men} sureties for such an ~~amount~~ ^{sum}. And yet I would rather trust to his excellent character, than to ~~submit~~ ^{among the} any ^{of} penalty that could ~~be~~ be introduced into a bond.

If, however, you still see thought in the Department

that the ^{sum} should be raised to \$20,000, I will
not object to it, and I have no doubt that my
nominee can find competent donors for that amount.

R.M.W.

J. C. Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of State.

New York March 2, 1840

Wm. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 26th Inst. reached us and we were sorry to perceive that the Hays' coins transmitted to you for recoinage, were of so bad metal as to require refining.

We therefore submitted them to that process and had them recoined by the mediation of Messrs. Keck, Ludlow & Co. The whole 69300, thus furnished 289.90 lbs. or \$2086⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Hays' \$366.64, being about 17⁵⁰/₁₀₀ cents a dollar.

Being informed that Hays' coins had furnished in former times 23 to 28⁷⁵/₁₀₀, and at the same time finding the result not in accordance with your statement of 60⁷⁵/₁₀₀ silver, it having furnished but about 53¹²/₁₀₀, you would oblige us by giving us your opinion upon the subject, and whether on future occasions, being in expectation of a further sum, we might not have refined it by your medium to better advantage.

We are,

Dear Sir,

very respectfully,

Wm. M. Patterson

Treasury Department
March 1. 1848.

Sir

I transmit, enclosed, a copy of another letter received from the Attorney of the United States for the District of Louisiana. Should not immediate measures be adopted & enquiry instituted?

Your letter of the 28th ult. with the enclosures has been received - every means should be taken to secure M^r. H., and the money.

In your letter of the 24th ult. you suggest that the bond from the new Clerk be taken in the penalty of \$10,000. Would not be better to fix it at \$20,000 as recommended in the letter from the Department of the a few days since. I am very Resp^{ly}

Wm. G. Young
Act. Sec. Treasury

J. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Spec.

Deposits at the U.S. Mint, 1848, from domestic mines

N. C.	Vm	Penn.	Al	S. C.	Geo	Indians	Cal.	
1,702	2,179							
4,276	2,013							
23,822	5,034	1,101	683					
919	26,135							
4,481	2,565							
4,522	1,351		1,717	19,228				
6,432.41	4,633.74							
21,127.93	447.59	2,395.78	1,269.60		2,334.10			
21,447.39	5,725.25							
7,658.30	3,461.09				1,036.41			
7,461.99	169.41							
183.80	4,172.43							
						681.56	44,177.	
109,033.82	57,886.57	3,496.78	3,669.60	19,228	3,370.51	684.56	44,177	= 241,543.78
4		7	70			2		4

C.

Canada p. 10. a. s. r.

Year	Grain Value	Value	Exp. Value	Wholesale Value	Value
As in previous table to 1847 inclusive					
1848	3,775,512.50	2,040,030	64,157.77	12,649.790	5,279,720.49
Total	76,341,440	73,466,514.90	1,209,759.20	343,287,750	151,017,714.10

The Gross Value of Gold Deposits for Coinage in 1877 $\$13,670,896.27$

The same value divided, viz,

Coins United States, D. S. 35,534

Residuals for same 1,607

Foreign 13,169,514.27 $\div 2.55 = 5,164,514.27$

$\$13,200,485.27$

British Empire 280,274

Prussia 67,736

North America 97,854 $\div 1.65 = 59,299$

South America 1,102

France 10,547

Germany 2,022

Russia 2,511

Other States & Bullion 2,565 $\div 464,411.27$ $\$13,670,896.27$

The Gross Value of Silver Deposits for Coinage in 1877 $\$962,780.88$

The same value divided, viz,

Coins United States

Foreign $\$865,462.85$

British United States $\$2.55$

Foreign 90,669 $\div 97,318.27$ $\$962,780.88$

Wm. L. S. Dr. am. off. Phil. Pa. 1877.

paid Baltimore 24 April 1848
R. W. Patterson Esq, Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia -

Dear Sir: We regret exceedingly to learn by
your favor of yesterday, that the retirement of the
Harden money has resulted with considerable loss
to the Mint & that in consequence you cannot
receive any further deposits of this specie for
coinage. We beg leave however to enquire, whether
you decline to receive the parcel of \$5,000. -
which we advised you on 24th inst. we had taken
the liberty to order on from New York, & of course
before we were aware of your final determination
regarding this coin. - If you are unable
to take charge of it also, we request the favor
to inform us in what other ^{way} you would recommend
us to dispose of it to the most advantage for
the owners. - We thank you for the Dupl.
certificate of the coin, proceeds of which reached us
by Adams & Co's Express - the Engr. of which also
reached us likewise by that Agency. -
Regretting the trouble we have repeatedly caused
you, we are Dear me, etc. J. W. Brown Esq.

To the Treasurer of the Mint and others
interested.

The Director of the Mint, in compliance
with the law prescribes ~~and~~, with sundry modifi-
fications, the duties of clerkship in the Mint.

There shall be three clerks of the Mint:
the Treasurer's Office-clerk, - the Treasurer's
Clerk of the weigh-room, - and the Director's
clerk.

1. The Treasurer's Office Clerk

shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, keep
~~the~~ books-accounts of all the transactions of the
Treasurer of the
Mint in bullion and coins, both with the Of-
ficers of the Mint and the Depositors, and the
book-accounts of ordinary expenses of the Mint,
except such of the books as are herein otherwise as-
signed. He shall also keep the accounts of the
Treasurer incident to the purchase, coinage, and dis-
tribution of copper. He shall prepare and hand
to the Assayer the gross weights of deposits in the
usual blank forms; and shall check the Assayer's
calculations thereupon; and shall make out the
memorandums which are furnished to depositors,
and take their receipts. He shall also make
out the pay-rolls of Officers and of workmen, and
the quarter-yearly abstracts of accounts which are
forwarded to the Treasury Department.

2. The Treasurer's Clerk of the weigh-room

shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, weigh all
the parcels of bullion and coins properly presented
at his counter for that purpose, and keep ac-
count of the same as hereafter.

It shall further be the duty of this clerk to aid the Treasurer, or act for him, in the receipt and delivery of all parcels of bullion, and in the receipt and payment of all moneys, upon proper vouchers being presented, whether in the bullion, Office, or ordinary account.

To this clerk, also, the Treasurer may, at his option, intrust such charges of his vault and of the treasure kept therein, as is required for conducting the current business of his department. But the Director, under his general Superintending powers, advises, first, that without the presence and consent of the Treasurer or of the Clerk of the Mint room, no person shall enter the Treasurer's vault, ~~or take out for safekeeping of articles of value~~ secondly, that after and before Mint hours, the Clerk of the Mint room shall not have the means of access to the vault, except during a temporary absence of the Treasurer from the City, in which case he may, at the discretion of that officer, retain the keys.

3. The Director's Clerk

shall give his attention to the official correspondence of the Director, and to the agency of the Branch Units, as heretofore.

It shall further be his duty to prepare all the Director's warrants, and see that they are signed; and to this end he shall take from the Office Clerk the necessary data for the ^{Office} warrants; and shall himself examine into the accuracy of bills which form the vouchers for ordinary warrants. He shall attend to the execution of receipts upon ordinary warrants, and the warrants which pass between officers of the Mint.

He shall enter all the deposits of bullion in their appropriate Registers; and in putting up, upon the bullion registers, the monthly aggregates of gold or silver deposits, shall see that the amounts correspond with those ^{reported} by the Melters & Refiners for standard weight, and by the ^{Assistant Assayer} for value. He shall also keep the ^{Register of ordinary expenses and the} Register of heads of appropriation, and of expenditures under those heads.

In case of the necessity or allowed absence of either of the Clerks, another clerk, ^{or with the assent of the Assistant Assayer, may in the Treasurer's suggestion and with the Director's approbation, perform the duties of the absent clerk.}

The Director relies upon the courtesy of the Clerks in extending mutual aid in any emergency, since the limits of duty here assigned are for the sake of order and not of exclusion.

The Office hours for the transaction of business, during which the Clerks will be expected to be in the Mint, will be from nine to three o'clock, except on Saturday, when the offices will be closed at two o'clock.

R. M. Patterson,

Director

April 29, 1868.

Phil. A. D.

Phil. Apr. 28/48

Genl.

I send enclosed the result of our first
operation upon the Hays Coins. You will see that
it had proved, as we feared, very expensive, and
had brought upon the mint a great loss. Unhappi-
ly we have still a large parcel to refine, and ad-
ditional loss to incur. With that representation I
need hardly add that we cannot receive any for-
ther deposits of this kind for Coins.

R. M. P.

Yrs

Mess. F. W. Brune & Sons }
Baltimore }

Hayti Coins.

	Weight after melting	Stand. Weight	Stand. Weight
No. 104.	as 3447.00	as 237.90	
" 106.	1226.30	851.25	ounces dec
	<u>1573.80</u>	<u>1089.15</u>	<u>1089.15</u>

Return Pars.	Stand. g.	
No. 1	648.30 @ 943m	731.65
" 2	650.50 @ 420m	303.55
	<u>1348.80</u>	<u>1035.20</u>
Loss in weight by working		as 53.95

Value . . . \$62.78

Add sundry expenses for cost
of materials used & labor - 2 men - 1 day } 14.89

Deduct Mint charges \$77.67
8.19

Loss to the Mint. . . . \$69.48

Mont. U.S. Phil. Dep. 28/1/87

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 24th on the subject of certain gold bullion which you wish to have coined here. Let me in the first place say that I will cheerfully serve you, in the case in any manner you may desire. I think, however, that your best course will be to send the bullion by the steamer which plies between your city and ours, and allow it to be deposited in the name of the clerk of the boat, for you. He can then give receipts to us for the coins, and they can be sent to you by the return of the boat. This is the course usually pursued in similar cases.

I return your kind remembrances with great sincerity and am

most faithfully yours R. H. P.

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Yr

R. H. Elmore, Esq.
Pres. Bd. of State of S. C.

A. Patterson Esq.
New York Phil.

New York April 24th 1841

Dear Sir

Yours of 22nd is received. We
have in our Stock Lead Pistols 52 No. 40
and One each 20 " 42 " 44 " 46 " 48 " 50 "

We have no No. 40 in hand, but 50th being so near the
size will doubtless answer the purpose. - please
write by return of mail if you wish us to ship some
Two packs - and we will forward them without delay
according to your directing.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Walling & Co.

Mem. of the U. S. Phil. op. 25/48

Genl.,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of yesterday.

The memorandum was given to the express agent
with the \$2759.09; but as there was also a
parcel for Newgate, it is possible that he may have
taken both Memorandums there. Therefore I
enclosed a duplicate.

The Pops marked the H.B. had not their contents weighed
and assayed separately, as they were not each of the
value of \$100; but the memorandum will enable you to
fix their values, as they claimed to be of the same amount.

Our brother Requin had not yet marked off your
deposits, but intends to do so in the course of the present
week. He wishes to defer his answer as to the two
boxes which you mention, until the treaty be fairly made
open to the last parcel.

Yours, S. W. Drane & Sons
Baltimore

R. W. D. &

P. M. Patterson, Esq.,
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York April 25th 1848

Sir,
By Livingston & Co. I send
you a package to your address, containing two small bundles
Gold dust, one marked R. & S. & the other S. & R. #33.
said to contain gold dust of very superior quality. -
I will thank you to have coined & return the
proceeds by them, who are authorized to receive it
in my account. I beg you also to hand them
the certificates of weight & value (one certificate for
each parcel) in my own name.

I remain,
Sir,

Yours respectfully

A. Mangione

To
J. I. Hewitt
Milan, Pa.

U. S. MINT, PHILA. April 25, 1848

Dear Sir -

I have received your letter of the 17th in which you state that you have found an extensive silver mine and you ask for information as to the best method of obtaining the metal from this ore. The first step for you to take is to ascertain whether the ore contains any silver at all, and for this purpose I recommend you to send specimens of it to Professor James Compagny, at his Laboratory No. 217 Arch St. He will analyze it for you and if it contains silver can give you the information which you desire respecting the method of recovering it. He will expect a remuneration for his work and will require that the specimens be sent without charge to him.

Very faithfully yrs
R. M. Patterson
Director

head

Baltimore 24 April 1848

R. Mr. Patterson Esq

Director of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: We received from Adams & Co Express Agents on Saturday two bags specie Contg \$2750.00 which we presume was sent on by you as proceeds of the last parcel of alt. ~~the~~ \$10000. - forwarded from New York. - We request the favor of you to send us on a certificate of the weight of this coin, & if possible, that of two bags marked A & B, separately, said to contain each about \$1000. - each. -

When the writer had the pleasure of calling on you, he stated that in all probability we should not receive any more of this coin, having advised our correspondents of the difficulty attending the disposal of it at your institution, much against our wishes we this morning received a Bill of Lading of two boxes Contg about \$5000. & "Blue Copper," just arrived at New York from St Thomas, which were shipped

shipped before our friends were in possession of our instructions to suspend further shipments, until you had expressed your willingness to receive them for seerage at the wharf. - We assure you that it annoys us exceedingly to be obliged once more to beseech on your indulgence, but trusting that you will again allow us to avail of your kindness, we have taken the liberty today, while sitting on the Document for entry at the new York Customhouse, to direct our agents there, Messrs Meyer & Lucken, to send on the specie to you in the same manner as the two last parcels, - believing as we do most positively, that our instructions not to send any more of this coin for the present, will have reached St Thomas before an other parcel can have been shipped. -

By agreeing also to take charge of this lot you will greatly increase our obligation, & of this we assure you we are duly sensible. -

After the specie is received, please account to us direct for it, either by your certificate made negotiable to our order, or by sending us the specie, as you may prefer. - We are, respectfully, Sir, Yours &c. J. W. Lewis & Sons. -

Statement of Contents of 2 boxes
No. 1 Coin rec'd per Brig To pay from St Thomas

P. #5	1 box contg 3 bags of 1000	No. 1 3000.00
N. #	" " " " " "	" " 500.00
" " 6	" " " " " "	" " 537.25
" " 1	" " " " " "	" " 1000.00
" " 1	" " " " " "	" " 342.75
		No. 1 5379.25

Bank Note South East

Charleston

Sept. 24. 1868.

My dear Sir

We have some bulky old Purse money
dollars of gold bullion in Bank, which we wish
coined - If we send it to the Mint our difficul-
ty is that we have no receiving agent in Phila-
delphia - If you ship it directed to you, will
you receive it & have it coined for us?

Pray, if you allow us to ship it to you, ob-
lige us by giving me any instructions that
may suggest themselves to you.

Allow me to renew my dear Sir the
assurances of my great respect & my
continued remembrance of your former
courtesies.

With great regard
Yr obedt Servt

W. H. Innes
President

Dr. R. W. Patterson

Director U. S. Mint

Phila.

New York April 20. 1841

A. M. Patterson Esq
Quincy St. N. Y.
Philadelphia,

Sir

By Livingston & Co
I enclose I send you a small package of Gold Dust,
marked A. H. containing 42 Castellanos, the
same being of a superior quality, and which you
will please have the goodness to have coined, and to
remitt me the amount, together with a certificate made
out in my name with the above named Express: - The
same to be done at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully A. Manaberg.

12 Fulton St
N. Y.

New York April 17th 1848
P. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We send you herewith a
sealed Bag addressed to you by Livingston & Co. Express
containing Four packages Gold Dust and marked
& numbered as follows viz:

⑤th @ 1 & 2 Two packages — to be assayed together
" No 3 one package to be assayed separate
" " 4 one do to be assayed separate

This Gold is represented by our South American friends
to be of superior quality and we will thank you
to receipt to Livingston & Co. Express and return
proceeds by them with Certificate of Weight and
Value in our Name as soon as it can be
converted into Coin.

We beg to remain
Very respectfully
Your obliged friends & Servts
Owen & Brown

West Isl.

April 17 / 46.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor of send-
ing to me the Bill ^{reported} ~~presented~~ for establish-
ing ~~the~~ a Branch at New York?
Is this measure to meet with serious and
intelligent opposition, or is to be allowed
to pass without a full statement from your-
self, or some other competent person, which
will at least enable the members to vote
with knowledge of the circumstances of the
case? Pray write to me on the sub-
ject.

Very most truly yours,

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Geo. R. Ingersoll

[Lepid. & ant.]

Mont. W.S. Pl. Apr. 17/48.

Sir,

Mr. Alexandre Vattemare brought with him
from Paris a series of medals which he informed
us were sent for the cabinet. We have received
from him a message informing us that these medals
were left by him with the Secretary of the Treasury
and asking that I would make application for
them. I have accordingly now the honor to do so,
as we are very desirous of having them in our cabinet.

R. M. W.

Dr.

Wm. L. G. Young

Wm. L. G. Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Treas.

Dear Sir

I wish some information
of you if you are willing to
give it. Myself in connection with
two other Men have found
an extensive Silver Mine of the British
sulphuret & sulphuretted Antimonial
kind which we have tested by assay &c
we wish to know the best manner of
obtaining the Metal from the ore
& whether it can be smelted in a Cupola
Furnace also what is the best flux
to be used, Sir if you are acquainted
with these matters as I presume you are
you will confer a favor on us by giving
me the necessary information without delay

Yours truly John S. Hewit

Milan

Bradford Co

Amherstfield April 15th 1845

Yours most truly J. S. Hewit

Prof. C. Booth

Laboratory in Hook N. Hall

N. Y.

Sir,

Fearing I might not find you in, when I should call, I had prepared the present lines, to state my purpose and to explain my position.

I have understood, that there was an opening in the Militia for an officer to serve as First and Clerk - and I wished to learn if I might be qualified to fill it, and then, if I might be acceptable -

You perhaps already know my character - that I have been 34 years Cashier in the Bank of Germantown, and have been favorably known to the public as the author of the Annals of Philadelphia - and the Annals of New York - Having recently resigned my place as Cashier in the Bank of Germantown, I am therefore engaged to seek some other office or pursuit -

The short note from C. J. Ingersoll herewith enclosed, will serve to show that he is my friend; - and as it refers to a subject before one of the Departments at Washington, I use the occasion to say, that my name, and family merit in the Revolution, rests there in sufficient commendation - Of the Philadelphia bar, stand the several testimonies of C. J. Ingersoll, W. B. Reed, Thos. S. Wharton, Job A. Lyons, Richd. Vaup. de W. Ash, P. S. Duponceau, J. M. Brown - all writing - personal friends -

Yours

There is a friendly letter in my behalf to the Secy of the Navy,
from the Hon. John A. B. Smith, and also speaking his regards
treating me as his personal friend, and also speaking his regards
There is one also, from the late Commodore Elliott, to Presdt
Polk, professing himself the friend of my self & family - One
from Col. Manning of the 11th Regt, my kinsman - And a
cluster of requests from the Penn^a Members, at Harrisburg
at the last Session -

I am still continuing my position in the Bank of
Harrisburg, and may suit myself as to times of change - In
the mean time, I shall be obliged for your favorable consideration
whenever an appointment, may be to be made - And should
you desire any further interference on this subject, let me I
may call on you, I shall promptly obey any note from you
to that effect.

I am very respectfully

John H. Watson

Bank of Harrisburg April 1848

THIRTIETH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

H. R. 396.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

APRIL 13, 1848.

Mr. TALLMADGE on leave introduced the following bill: which was read twice, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

JULY 12, 1848.

Mr. NICHOLL, from the said Committee, reported the same back without amendment, when it was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

A BILL

To establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a branch of the mint of the United States shall be established in the city of New York, for the coinage of gold and silver. And for the purpose of purchasing a site, erecting a suitable building, and completing the necessary combinations of machinery for the said branch, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so soon as

2 the necessary buildings shall be erected for the purpose of
3 well conducting the business of the said branch, the follow-
4 ing officers shall be appointed, upon the nomination of the
5 President, and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
6 viz: one superintendent, one treasurer, one assayer, one
7 melter and refiner, and one coiner. And the said super-
8 intendent shall engage and employ as many clerks and as
9 many subordinate workmen and servants as shall be pro-
10 vided for by law; and the salaries of said officers and
11 clerks shall be as follows:

12 To the superintendent the sum of two thousand five
13 hundred dollars; to the treasurer the sum of two thousand
14 dollars; to the assayer two thousand dollars; to the melter
15 and refiner two thousand dollars; to the coiner two thou-
16 sand dollars; to two clerks the sum of twelve hundred
17 dollars each; to the subordinate workmen and servants,
18 not exceeding twenty in number, such wages and allow-
19 ances as are customary and reasonable, according to their
20 respective stations and occupations.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers
2 and clerks to be appointed under this act, before entering
3 upon the duties thereof, shall take an oath or affirmation,
4 before some judge of the United States, faithfully and dili-
5 gently to perform the duties thereof; and shall each be-
6 come bound to the United States of America, with one or

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7 more sureties, to the satisfaction of the director of the
8 mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, with condition
9 for the faithful and diligent performance of the duties of
10 their offices.

11 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the gen-
12 eral direction of the business of said branch of the mint of
13 the United States shall be under the control and regula-
14 tion of the director of the mint at Philadelphia, subject to
15 the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury; and,
16 for that purpose, it shall be the duty of the said director to
17 prescribe such regulations and require such returns, pe-
18 riodically and occasionally, as shall appear to him to be
19 necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the inten-
20 tion of this act in establishing the said branch; also for
11 the purpose of discriminating the coin which shall be
12 stamped at said branch and at the mint itself; also for the
13 purpose of preserving uniformity of weight, form, and
14 fineness in the coins stamped at said branch; and, for that
15 purpose, to require the transmission and delivery to him
16 at the mint, from time to time, of such parcels of the
17 coinage of said branch as he shall think proper, to be sub-
18 jected to such assays and tests as he shall direct.

1 Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all the laws
2 and parts of laws made for the regulation of the mint of
3 the United States, and for the government of the officers

4 and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of
 5 all offences connected with the mint or coinage of the
 6 United States, shall be, and the same are hereby declared
 7 to be, in full force in relation to the branch of the mint by
 8 this act established, so far as the same shall be applicable
 9 thereto.

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New York 13 April 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: In conformity with your kind transmission
I have today requested Messrs. Hucker of this place
to forward you as per enclosed "Receipt" receipt, one box
one bag / only. The Hucker was mentioned in our commu-
-cation viz. N. & 1 - 4 bags containing \$1000. - each

2	600. -
1	1000. -
1	500. -
1	912. ¹² / ₁₀₀
1	552. ²⁵ / ₁₀₀

Falls I have marked A. & B. said to contain 1000. -
or in all about \$10,320. ¹²/₁₀₀ - We are directed to
give a separate account to the owners of the contents of the
two last named bags viz. A. & B.; we request therefore
if not too inconvenient, that you will give us a statement
of the result of them independent of the rest, - and
as soon as tested I beg that you will inform my friends
in Baltimore / & Mr. Rogers / what amount into
your hands has to be lost of. Our friends here Messrs.
Hucker informed me this morning that they
have just received themselves, another parcel of the \$1000.
which

which they have prepared to send on to you together with
this being under the impression that they are unconsented
will be caused to the limit in testing a smaller or
larger lot. - These gentlemen will give you their own
instructions about their parcel. -
With the renewal of thanks to Mr. McCullough & your
self for permission to send you this coin I am

Respectfully Yours all sort

William F. Prime

Mr. & Mrs. & Mr. & Mrs. inform us that you will find us
in Court to Baltimore, what may result of the currency. -

New York 13 April 1868

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Having reference to the annexed letter
of Mr. H. C. Brown and trusting that it will
not be more inconvenient to you to receive a
larger than a smaller quantity of English coin
we have taken the liberty to send you by Adams
the Express

M. S. 3 boxes containing

7500 English Dollars

which we request you to receive and then reconvert
into American currency & be returned to us. We
just today received it from Mr. H. C. Brown by the
Way to London. - If you should positively
refuse to have any thing more to do with this
coin, then we would beg of you to keep it
with you and give us your advice whether there
is not perhaps a refiner in Philadelphia who can
be relied upon as we have bought at too dear
experience with the refiner here.

Waiting your agreeable news we remain

Dear Sir, yours very respectfully

Wm. F. Prime

Miss W.

Phil April 12/48.

Dear Sir,

I see that the bill for establishing a Board
of Health at New York is soon to be brought before the
Senate for discussion. May I ask you to do
me the favor of sending me a copy of this bill?

I need not say how happy you must
be to find that the manner of your being ill was
without foundation.

Yours

R. M. P.

Hon. Geo. M. Dallas
W. D. W. S.

Mont 105.

Nov. 11/45

Sir
Received this morning your letter of the 9th
inst., with the enclosed sheet of lead, I suspect to
contain gold. If it had done so, it could not have
been received at the Mint for assaying, without being
previously separated. But you will perhaps be
surprised to learn, that, by a careful assay which we
have just completed, the lead which you sent contains
but one part of precious metal in 12,500, and that of this
minute portion not more than one-third part is gold.

R. M. P.

Secy.

Mr. Joseph Walden,
Amherst P.E.
Canada West }

MEMORANDUM OF GOLD BUILLION deposited the 10th day of April 1848, at the MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
at Philadelphia, by James R. Gordon, Treasurer

DESCRIPTION OF BUILLION.	WEIGHT.		FINENESS.	VALUE.		ADDITION.		DEDUCTION.	NET VALUE.	
	Before Melting.	After Melting.		Dollars.	Cents.	Silver Extracted.	Value of Silver.		Dollars.	Cents.
Foreign	2262 38	2262 20	915	42812	29			1 17	42811	12
U.S. Coins	1630 18	1630 06	899	30293	00				30293	00
U.S. Coins	9200	9207	914	1739	57				1739	57
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Twenty four thousand eight hundred and forty three 1/2 dollars.
 G. W. Edlin
 For the Treasurer of the Mint.

March 20 P.M.

Box No 1. Contains 7 doubloons,
12 7/8 do. } equals to 11 1/2 doubloons
12 eighths do.
25 1/4 lb Silver Bullion
4 1/2 lb. old Silver Plate
Boxes No 2 & 3. Contain 225 Marks & 1/2 lb Silver Bullion

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director
U. S. Mint
Philad^a Pa. We send
above a memo of the contents of three Boxes sent
to the mint, to be coined - The Silver are want
in dimes and half dimes
we are
Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Serv^t
D. S. Nickerson

marked D.P.V.

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S. J. Nickerson

The undersigned, acting under the Authority of the
Marshal of the U. S. for the Eastern District of
Pennsylvania, would respectfully represent -

That on the morning of the 13. March 1848, in
pursuance of a warrant placed in our hands, we
arrested Randal Hutchinson, charged with embezzling
money of the U. S. from the Mint of the U. S. The
said Hutchinson at the time of his apprehension
was at his dwelling in this city under no restraint
whatever.

That one of our number, was for several days
stationed on the Delaware River, 80 Miles below
the city, watching the arrival of the Brig. M. J.
Nelson, Capt. McKitt, in which he ^(Hutchinson) was a passenger
from the Island of St. Thomas - That immediately on
the arrival of the vessel on the evening of the 12. ~~we~~
all spent that night in watching his dwelling,
so that he might not elude our pursuit.

We, therefore, in view of our services, and
the apprehension of said Hutchinson, claim the
reward offered for the same, by the Authorities
of the U. S.

Philadelphia April 7. 1848

William H. Miller

Thomas O'Neil

Thomas W. Miller

Attorn of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 6, 1848.

Sir,

The trial of Mr. Randal Hutchinson
for ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{count of} ~~the~~ ^{murder} in the attack committed
to his charge, was concluded this morning, after
examinations and arguments which occupied a week.
The Jury, after an absence of about an hour, ~~last~~
brought in a verdict of guilty. ^{and the court accepted the charge in the indictment} An appli-
cation has been made, by Mr. Hutchinson's coun-
cil, for a new trial, and this will not be
granted until the Circuit Judge, Mr. Quico,
shall be in Philadelphia.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Rob. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
April 5-1876.

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States has been,
this day, instructed to ~~draw~~ his transfer draft on the
Assistant Treasurer at N. York for one hundred and fifty
thousand dollars, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at
Philadelphia - to be paid at the Mint in foreign gold coins
and to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer United States on balance
account, for the present. The object of the transfer, is, of course
to have the foreign gold received.

I am very Resp^l
Wm. C. Young
Act. Sec. Treasury.

St. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philad^a

Mon. Mr. Phil. Apr. 5/48

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday
I have to state that the Harkness coin which
was sent to us by Mess. Meyer & Sturken
has not yet been refined, and that
we are therefore still ignorant of the dif-
ficulties which this operation may present.
When this point shall be ascertained
I will let you know the result.

RMD

By
Mess. F. W. Brune & Sons
Baltimore

hand - Baltimore 4 April 1848
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia -

Dear Sir: Referring to our request of 23rd ult.
thanking you for acceding to our request
to receive the Fairbairn coin in the hands of
our new Clerk Agents - we have this morning
the account from them of the result of
your trial of it, which proves very satisfactory
to us. - We hope the trouble you may
have had in refining this process has been less
than you anticipated, & that you will therefore
kindly authorize Messrs. Meyer & Bucken in
New York to send on to you the larger amount
to our address - which we presume will by this
time have arrived there. -

Offering you our thanks once more for favoring
us by the receipt of this coin we are

Yours obt. servt.

F. W. Brundage.

Township of Norwich Canada West

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a sample of Gold as obtained from Auriferous
Manganese by the common process of smelting by Lead, rather than
then separating the lead to litharge and afterwards with nitre to
separate any base metal that might be contained therein from
which I believe it is perfectly dissolved, — but the sulphur is not
yet expelled, & perhaps there is some acid quality contained or
imbibed in it by the nitrous process, or other cause.

A few of my neighbours with myself are about to form
a small company, — but we wish to obtain some information
before we go to much expense in erecting works & — therefore
part of the information desired is to ascertain from you, if such
metal or raw gold, can be received at the mill, or for sample
and what rate per lb & —, and if not in said State it would oblige
us very much if you would give some directions, how, I can
as the operator, bring it to such a degree of finish as to be
received by you, — please to reply as quick as possible.

April 3rd 1848
Norwichville Post Office

I remain yours L
J. L. Watson

Melter & Refiner's Office

U.S. Mint, April 1848

My dear Sir,

In reply to your questions, I respectfully
state, that I melt gold in crucibles calculated
to hold between 1500 and 1500 ounces. That
I uniformly add to 1500 ounces of British
sovereigns of the fineness 915 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths,
25.85 ounces of Copper; being in the ratio
of 17.35 of Copper to 1000 of British coin.
By calculation you would find 25.83
to be the exact required ~~the~~ amount;
the difference $\frac{2}{100}$ lbs of an ounce could
only produce an error of 0.01, (the
fineness being 899.99), which is far within
the errors of manipulation in assaying; and
could not be weighed with the balances &
weights I employ.

To French gold coins of the fineness
899, I add fine gold, or, in preference,
sovereigns, if I have them. And to
produce U.S. standard gold, they are
mixed in the ratio of 90.30 ounces
of sovereigns, to 1400 ounces of French
coins.

With reference to the oxidation, or
"burning off" of copper in gold melting,
the most careful examinations, confirmed
by the daily experience of melting, show
that it is only after repeated meltings
& clearing with acid, that the effect
becomes appreciable; and the difference
produced by such repeated operations
does not appear to render the fineness
of the gold above 900.2; no allowance
can, therefore, be made for such oxidation,
especially as errors of assaying are
of equal magnitude.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedtly
Richd. M. Culloch
Melter & Refiner

D. H. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate, situate in Middle Ward in the City of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of United States (Printed)

To wit:

Markle Phil Amg }
Jotham Co. of Chestnut St } 80.000 } \$ 376-
Juniper V.S. U.S. Min D }

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My residence is at no 1 South 7th Street
City of Philadelphia, February 1828

Wm

Treasurer

Wm. A. L. G. Jr.
Clerk

Minist. of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 30, 1848.

Dear Sir,

The Cake of native silver from Lake Superior, which you sent to us, was received on the 26th inst.

You will see, by the receipt ~~which is~~ ^{the} enclosed, that its weight was 96.8 oz. Troy, which corresponds with your statement of 6 lbs. 10 oz. Avoirdupois.

To determine the fineness, pieces were taken from opposite ends, and their assay by cupellation gave an average of 950 thousandths pure silver. The humid assay was found impracticable, from the presence of earthy matter. An ounce of the metal was then cut off from the two ends, and carefully melted, with a protective flux, which should remove all the earthy constituents, ^{and retain all the metallic} and the result was a loss in melting of 5 per cent. The assay of the silver resulting proved to be 999½ thousandths, or within a minute fraction of absolute fineness purity. The two results confirm each other; since 96.80 oz. (original weight) at 950 fine, or 92 oz. (weight after melting) at 999½ fine, give the same value within about 3 cents.

The ~~native~~ native metal or ore is therefore composed of 95 percent silver,

5 " earthy matter,
100.

The value of the deposit, viz. £115.57, will be
^{in silver coin} paid to your order endorsed on the inclosed receipt,
~~in silver coin~~. I presume that you will again
^{employ} ~~make use of~~ the firm of Adams & Co.

The interesting Specimen will be preserved by us, and will occupy a conspicuous place in our cabinet.

I send you a small strip of the silver,
freed from all earthly matter.

Very respectfully &
truly yours

P. M. P.

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T. J. Hammond Whitney Esq.
Boston

$$\begin{array}{r} 96.80 \\ 4.85 \\ \hline 91.95 \end{array}$$

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 Oake of silver from Lake Superior. The assay of the metal in its crude or native state, (pieces being taken from opposite ends,) gave an average result of 950 fine, by the cupellation; the humid assay being impracticable from the presence of earthy matter. - An ounce of the metal was then cut off from the two ends, carefully melted with a protective flux, which should preserve all the metallic, and remove all the earthy, constituents and the result was a loss, in melting, of 5 per cent. The assay of the silver resulting, was 999½, say fine silver. The two results perfectly confirm each other, since 96.50 ozs. (original weight) @ 950 fine, or 92 ozs. (weight after melting) @ 999½ fine, yield the same money, within a very few cents. The metal now is therefore composed of 95 per cent silver
 5 per cent earthy matter
 100.

To the Resident and Directors of the U. S.
Mint at Philadelphia.

Gentlemen. I feel anxious
to have some good situation whereby I may take care
- of myself and family, and if I should get a
situation which may be at your disposal, I should
be quite as anxious to conduct myself in a proper
manner thereby hoping to continue in such a
situation as you may be pleased to give me.

(Removed to - South East Cor. of North & DuPont Sts. & Street)

Ridge Road 3 1/2 miles from the S. E. Cor. of Green

John Beards

For information of my character I offer the following
named Gentlemen for reference some of which have
known me from 10 to 15 years.

John Randolph

Borg - Rusk Doct^r N. Shoemaker, M. Brown
J. M. Stinson, J. Brown, C. H. & S. Williams & Co. J. Peters
J. Palmer, Stevenson & Morris, C. P. Moyer, Doct^r Westfield
Wm. Sargent, Francis, Field & Francis, Doct^r Rodin and
Johnathan Lukens, Doct^r Meigs, J. A. Hagner
Wm. A. Bennett, A. C. Gering, J. B. Andrews, R. T. Fay and
Wm. J. Connor Doct^r Gibbs, B. Davis, A. Ellis,
Wm. & D. Vandever, M. Arison, J. C. Arison,
C. M. Stockton, H. M. Carpenter, J. Agnew, H. Horn,
Doct^r J. A. Clinton, J. M. Bruner, J. C. Hite,
R. Woods, J. Baird, J. & L. Thompson, Shaffer & Co.

Boston May 24. 1848

Dear Sir.

Yours of 18th inst. was duly received
by me.

According to your suggestion I have this
day forwarded to you by Adams & Co. Express the
Map of Latin Silva referred to in your letter, &
also advised Prof. Hensley that I have done so.

Please to acknowledge receipt of the specimens,
and to inform me at your early convenience of
its value which you can send to me by check
or otherwise, as shall be most agreeable to you.

Very respectfully
Yours &c. &c.

Samuel M. Whitney

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director Acad. Phila.
Philadelphia

Mont U. S. Del. 18 May '48

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst, respecting a mass of silver found at Eagle Run, Lake Superior, and in possession of the "Lake Superior Copper Company". It is entirely within our province to receive this mass of silver as a deposit, and we will return its value in silver coins. Prof. Henry was right in saying "that we are not obliged to melt it immediately, and that it may be finally preserved".

If the Company determines to send the silver to us, they can do so safely by Adams' Express line.

Yours
A. M. P.

Hammond Whitney Esq
Lake Superior Copper Company
Porter

Dr Patterson
U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Letter May 16. 1848

For The Director of the Lake Superior
Copper Co. have in their possession here a mass
or number of native silver weighing upwards of
six pounds, which was found on the location of
that Company at Eagle River, Lake Superior.

As the Director contemplates disposing of
this remarkable specimen to a silversmith, I informed
Dr. C. T. Jackson of the City who wrote to Prof. Henry of
the Smithsonian Inst. hoping that gentleman might be
prepared to purchase the specimen for the Institute.

Prof. Henry in a recent letter to me advises that it
be sent to the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, & he writes -
"Dr. Patterson I am sure will readily give its value
in current coin - and as he will not be obliged to meet
it immediately, I have strong hopes that in this way
it may be finally purchased."

If you are disposed to
purchase, how do you intend to inform me at your early
convenience what price you are willing to pay for the
specimen.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Samuel Whitman
Ct. & D. C.

Salon 15 May

Dr W. M. M.

I have this day sent
in 16 annuities enclosed, 1 key of
gold dust, containing as per my
invoice \$46.42 of, please specify to
& forward me the certified in
mail & oblige yours

Robert B. B. B.

1 key RB
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Albany N.Y. Phil. 13 May '46.

Sir,

In the absence of the Director I have to acknowledge your letter of the 9th inst. in which you ask how you may procure small coins, and in reply I beg to state that you will have to deposit the amount required in ^{silver} bullion or foreign coins of which we will return you the real value as determined by assay. As a matter of personal accommodation I will myself attend to the payment of any expenses for freight, insurance &c which you may deem necessary, and deduct the amount from the proceeds of the deposits.

Allow me to suggest, however, that by ~~the~~ for the most convenient and perhaps the most economical course for you to take would be to apply to a bullion broker here to manage the transaction. I think he would attend to any expenses attending the transportation and ~~can you can purchase the coins of him by draft and pay for them~~ you can reimburse him by your draft without concerning yourself ~~with the expenses~~ in relation to making a specific deposit. I recommend to you ^{for this purpose} the house of Andrew Beebe who is in this city.

To M Jones, Esq Cashier
Raleigh N.C

R. P.

W. B. C. C.

Treasury Department

May 12. 1878.

Sir

Your letter dated the 5th. inst. was
duly received and has been submitted to the President who
has approved the arrangement proposed by you in relation
to the Clerks in the Mint. and you are hereby authorized to
carry it into effect.

I am very Respy

W. C. Young

Act. Sec. of the Treasury.

W. B. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Bank of Cape Fear
Raleigh N.C.
May 9th 1848

Doct R. M. Patterson
Director Mint U.S.
Phil?

What kind of
fund do you require in payment for small
change, I want about \$75, in five cent pieces
& some \$75 in quarters; what amt must I
send you to pay for the coin, its freight &
insurance to Phila. Va

Yours Respectfully
W. H. Jones
Cashier

Worcester May the 8th 1848

Sir,

Your reply to mine of the 3d is just received and I am happy to be able to convince you that such a coin as I propose can be produced as follows. When the coin is formed into the blanks from the plate ^{and} preparatory to striking the impression, the same blow that clips it out should be made to sink a spot in the center of the coin as shown in the crop section below.



You will perceive that the sides of the sunken part are perpendicular with the plane of the coin's face, so there will be no difficulty in withdrawing the die. Now the design to be struck on the coin must be of such figure as to give a prominent relief circle around the sunken spot and very near its edge the result will be as seen in the next diagram.



of the sunken spot

You see now the sides have assumed a considerable inclination with the coin's plane, in fact you have a circular dome tail in the center of your coin that will not permit any but a broken in-

to be taken from the coin with any material
whatsoever. The appearance of the coin is not
pleasing, ^{as it is} ~~as it is~~ it as follows by giving
two impressions instead of one. Let your
first impression raise only prominent blanks
when your second design is seen below



Then among your letters of figures on the die have a
blank border, that will produce the following effect



giving as you perceive a raised circular dome tail.
The first method however is the most simple
and cheapest, and if you have a small impression
from the face of your die with the denomination
of the coin so as to impress it on the bottom of
the sunken spot as seen in the second diagram
it appears to me that it is all that can be
required. The latter experiment I have tried with
perfect success, but the dies have since been
worked into other purposes, if however you
should wish a demonstration I am ready to
satisfy you. I really believe the subject to be
of great importance, and some of our first
mechanics and scientific men have urged me
to lay it before the Secretary of Treasury, but
deeming yourself the practical head of the
coinage and feeling that you could point

out the difficulty (if any) and appreciate
the merits (if any) I have laid it before you.
Business calls me to Europe in the course
of a few weeks, and it is uncertain how long
I may remain, so that if you deem the matter
worthy of any attention, our early movement will
be necessary

Yours truly
Wm. H. M. Davis

A. M. Patterson
Secretary
U. S. Mint

(Private & Confidential)

Minist of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 6, 1868.

Dear Sir,

I send enclosed a letter to the Department, and you will see that it requires the action of the President, & I have therefore directed it to Mr. Welles. I am anxious to have an early reply to it, as it may require a modification in the Appropriation bill; ^{which} this however will hardly be withheld, as it will reduce the amount.

I send ^{to the President,} on the 15th inst., an ~~enclosed~~ ^{Sp. R.} report on the subject of the defective standard of the New Orleans gold coins of 1867. I have heard nothing since ~~on the~~ respecting the matter. It belongs to your Department. Do you know whether any action has been taken regarding it?

R. M. D.

W. L. Young Esq.

Ed. J. B. & Co.
New York
May 6 1845



A. Latham Esq
Sir

New York May 6 1845

In greatly to your instructions We have shipped
per Ship Talena for New York, One Cask of Lead Balls
directed to J. M. Kennedy Capt. of "Mint No. 1" and
to \$78 ⁱⁿ Dollars, as per above Invoice and enclosed
Bill of Lading - We wish you would ^{advise} ~~mention~~ Mr.
Kennedy that We have one Cask Contg. 25 no 6's
31 - 501 -
for which We shall be pleased to receive your order

Please remit the amt of above Bill to us
per mail, or authorize us to draw upon you for the same

Yrs. Respectingly
J. B. & Co.

West of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 6, 1848.

Sir,

On the 29th of March, I had the honor to write to you on the subject of an appointment to fill the clerkship ~~formerly~~^{formerly} held by Mr. Samuel W. Hutchinson. On that occasion I mentioned that our experience since this place had been vacated had led us to believe that the three remaining Clerks could ~~per~~ satisfactorily perform all the duties, and I added that no action should be taken with regard to the vacancy until further trial should enable us to determine whether the ~~appointment~~^{vacant clerkship} could not be dispensed with. ~~Our experience of four~~ months has now convinced us that it can, under an arrangement of the duties which has been presented, and which is now in full operation.

This arrangement has increased the labor of all the Clerks, and has placed them, in this respect, as nearly as possible upon the same footing. ~~Therefore~~ It ~~therefore~~ most respectfully asks that the President is therefore but just that they should be put upon the same footing as to salary.

In the 7th Sec. of the act of Jan 18, 1847, it is enacted that "To the assistants and Clerks, such annual salaries shall be allowed as the President may determine, with the approbation of the President: Provided, that an Assistant shall not receive more than 1500 dollars, and that a Clerk shall not receive more than 1200 dollars."

I therefore propose that the salaries of the three
clerks be twelve hundred dollars each, and I must
respectfully ask, through you, that the President may
give his approbation to this proposed arrangement.

The salaries heretofore have been to one clerk \$1400,
to two \$1100 each, and to one \$1000. The new arrange-
ment will therefore save an annual sum of \$800.

R. M. P.

Prof.
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of the University

Mont. Vt. May 5, 1845.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
yesterday, in which you state that you have conceived a plan
for by which you think you "can produce a coin whose relief
will not admit of an impression being taken even in wax,
and the cost of its coming into the same as that of the pre-
sent money." Such a device would prevent one of the great-
est evils by counterfeiters, and if it be practicable I should
be glad to be made acquainted with it. Let me confess
to you, however faintly, that ^{believe that} no coin can be formed by a
blow from a die, ~~which cannot~~ so that a casting or im-
pression cannot be afterwards made from the coin. The
die is relieved from it, and why cannot an impression which
is a fac-simile of the die, also be relieved from it?

R. M. P.

Director,

Sir,

Henry M. Paine, Esq.
Worcester, Mass.

Washington D.C. 1848, May 4th
Sir. A letter from you to the Superintendent of
the Mint at New Orleans on the subject of spu-
rious coin which lately appeared in the pub-
lic journals, has received a plan which I con-
ceived some years back of securing our coins from
the peculation process by which ~~die~~ are now made
without the skill of the die sinker.

If I am correct in supposing that the Mint
does not fear so much the imitation of the
die by regular die sinkers, as it does some peculation
process by which an impression can be obtained
from the coin itself, and that without any
artificial effort, I have not the least doubt but
that my plan will be successful. In short
sir I can produce a coin whose chief will
not admit of an impression being taken even
in wax, and the cost of its coinage will be the
same as that of the present money.

Should you deem the subject worthy your
notice I shall be most happy to lay the details
before you at an early period. My commu-
nication directed to me at Worcester Mass. will
find me.

Yours
Henry M. Perrine
Patterson &
U.S. Mint Philad^a

P.S. I can refer to the following persons
Hon David Henshaw, Boston
Col George W. Wainwright, Watlington
Mr Grayson of the Episcopal Association Watlington

Barnstable Bank
Yarmouth Port May 2. 1868
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa
I herewith send

In defaced coins	\$76.95
172 5 cent pieces @ 92c	159.96
1 Shaler	1.
3 Crowns @ 1.08	3.24
	\$ 239.15

Which you will please have coined
 $\frac{1}{3}$ amount in $\frac{1}{2}$ dimes (500 pieces) and
 $\frac{2}{3}$ amount in dimes (1000 pieces), and
deliver the same when coined to the
treasury here of

Respectfully Yours,

Amos Otis Cook,

R. Baker for

Mont. U. S. Phil. May 1st/48

Dear Sir/

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 29th ult.

The parcel of \$5000 Spanish Coins, mentioned in your letter of the 24th, and which you say that you had ordered on from N. Y., has not been brought to us and cannot be received.

We have about 4500 of your Spanish Coins still on our hands unrefined, and on which we are to sustain a considerable loss.

I know of no Banks by which you can have these bad coins refined, except that of committing them to the professional Refiners, of which there are several in New York. I presume that you will try a different house from that which you before employed, and you will oblige me if you will let me know the Result.

Yours
R. M. P.

Messrs. F. W. Brown & Sons
Baltimore

P.S. Since this letter was written, there were brought to the mind, by Adams, Esq's line, two boxes marked like those which before bore that name, and which were presumed to be those referred to in your letter of the 24th & 29th ult., though there was no written notice regarding them. They were accordingly sent back to Adams, Esq's office to await orders from the parties who sent them. R. M. P.

Copper Coins &c. & hands of Mr. Edlmann

\$217.37	in cents & small ones, in office chest.
8.05	" change "
27 keys, = 2,700.	in keys in vault.
30.24	" half cents in vault office
5 " 410.	" half cents in vault.
<u>3,369.66</u>	

Comptroller, State Bank of New York

June 30, 1864

Sir,

You will oblige me if you will make me to receive
the following inquiries by written or printed information:
"the value, weight, & alloy" of American coins, "what
"coin is a legal tender & what foreign coins are tender
"in this country & their respective value & alloy". In case
you give the information by letter I would request that you
allow me to communicate the letters to my correspondent
free when the inquiries are made.

Yours truly, Respected

Dr. H. A. Patterson

A. D. Parker

Quicker let print

This is all.

*Count of Money in Assistant Treasury
June 30, 1848.*

<u>Gold.</u>	22 bags of \$ 5000 each	-----	\$ 110,000.00
"	1 " 4000	-----	4,000.00
"	1 " 2500	-----	2,500.00
"	old U.S. & foreign,	-----	29.86
"	in box,	-----	4,597.50
			<u>121,127.36</u>

<u>Silver.</u>	3 bags of \$ 1000,	-----	3,000.00
"	1 " 500	-----	500.00
"	1 " dimes, 178	-----	178.00
	50 fine-pure pieces,	-----	46.78
	Foreign coins,	-----	162.57
	in box,	-----	145.38
			<u>4,092.67</u>

<u>Treasury notes.</u>	-----	8,000.00
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Total \$ 133,220.03

Assistant Secretary

June 30, 1865

Gold in \$5000 bags - 1 bag 10

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Value II

Grade I

Gold III

\$ 11,000

2500

\$ 8000

Gold \$ 11,000 + 329.00 = 11,329.00

Gold in bags - 1 bag 10

Silver III

\$ 100

Copper 3560

Brass 1078

152,970

Silver \$ 3,708

46.70 per 100 from production

+ 156

5.00

Silver in Prof - \$ 19,000

\$ 19,000

Count of Money in N. C. Mint.

June 30, 1848.

Bullion Fund.

(Silver.)

<u>Dollars.</u>	22 bags of \$1000, —	\$ 22,000. —
	1 " 233, —	233. —
<u>Halves.</u>	51 " of \$1000, —	51,000. —
	Counted, —	50.50
<u>Quarters.</u>	18 bags of \$1000, —	18,000. —
	1 bag of \$830, & 10.75 counted,	840.75
<u>Dimes.</u>	1 " 500 & 5.30 "	505.30
<u>Half-dime</u>	1 " 500	500. —
	2 " 200	400. —
	3 " 100	300. —
	2 " 50	100. —
	2 " 1000 (Should be first)	2,000. —
	Counted, —	35.05
<u>Cents.</u>	—	.93
		<u>95,965.53</u>

Gold.

<u>Eagles.</u>	5 bags of \$5000, —	25,000. —
	1 " of \$4450 & Count of 400,	4,860. —
<u>Half-eagles.</u>	9 " " 5000,	45,000. —
	1 " of \$4220, 1 of \$2220, 2 = 2300,	8,740. —
<u>Quarters</u>	1 of \$5000, & Count of \$20	5,020. —
	Total gold	\$ 88,620. —
	Total silver	95,965.53
	Grand total	<u>184,585.53</u>

Ordinary Account.

Gold. Halves, — — — — —	\$ 455.00
Quarters — — — — —	147.50
Silvers, — — — — —	127.20
Coppers, — — — — —	.11
	<u>\$ 729.81</u>

Copper Fund.

Silvers. Dollars, — — — — —	500.00
Gold — Eagles, — — — — —	680.00
Halves, — — — — —	405.00
Quarters, — — — — —	100.00
	<u>\$ 1,685.00</u>

Copper Coins & Change.

Cents & Change in Office, — — — — —	\$ 225.42
Half cents " — — — — —	34.26
Cents in Vault, 27 bags, — — — — —	2,700.00
Half cents " 5 " — — — — —	410.00
	<u>3,369.68</u>

Poston June 23. 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa
Dear Sir

We send to your address
a B of Silver bullion which please have coined
into dimes and half dimes and returned to us.
The weight according to the Standard received
by us is 160 marks 7 1/2 oz.

We are

Very respectfully
Yours O. S. L.

D. & J. Nickerson

Wm. W. L.
Jan 15, 1844.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request made in
your letter of yesterday, I send enclosed the letters
of recommendation from Mr. Hanger and Mr.
Wm. E. Lehman R., both of which were addressed to
Col. Inwood. No letter from Col. Sevier can be found,
and his name is not on the list which was kept
of those who sent their testimonials on the occasion.

I am, dear Sir, with sincere regards,

Yours very faithfully,

R. M. P.

Mr. Calkins & Mr. Dring.

Phila^a June 14th 1848
D^r R. M. Johnson
Sir

On receiving my letter of recom-
mendation from your son sometime ago. I heard that
Messrs. Mr. Hargens, Lehman and Co. St. Louis. I have
deferred from day to day in sending for them. Last week in
conjunction with Mr. Hargens in Wash. City. he desired to
know if I had withdrawn them. and I have early this morn^g
to do so immediately on my return home.

He will oblige me
by returning your letter (if convenient) by the servant boy.
hoping you are well.

Yours Sir
Wm. Briggs
Cushman M. Coringer

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 10, 1848.

Sir,
I have to apologize for ^{so long} delaying, ~~so long~~,
an answer to your letter of the 8th ult.

Your device is very ingenious, and if carried into effect, would certainly increase the difficulty of one of the means of counterfeiting coins.

We find it objectionable, however, on the following grounds. First that the ~~an~~ proposed central impression could not be made, ~~as the~~ as you suppose by ~~the~~ any modification of the punch which ~~strikes~~ ^{cuts} out the planchet. This is not resisted below, and a ~~central~~ central punch would therefore ^{cut} ~~cut~~ down the whole planchet, and make but a slight impression, and of no certain ~~depth~~ and uniform depth. If the ~~second~~ punch act near the edge of the planchet, the ~~objection~~ ~~would not be for~~ difficulty would be diminished, but not entirely removed.

Secondly, the impression ~~is~~ made by the die on the edge of the sunk surface, not being opposed by a collar as is the ^{border} edge of the coin, would spread the edge over irregularly and roughly.

Thirdly, it is objected that the depression
which will be made in the coin will become
a receptacle for dirt, and thus affect both
the appearance and the weight.

~ PmP
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Henry M. Paine
Worcester Mass.

Baltimore June 6th 1848
R. W. Patterson Esq.

Director W. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your valued favor of 1st ulto: was
duly received, and according to your request
we would now communicate the result of the
inquiry of Harlan Case referred in New York,
by recommendation of Saml. Wm. & Son. Silver
Smiths here. we had it put into the hands
of Platt & Brother's Clerk, who offered for it
21% clear of charge to us before referring -
but presuming that this was not more
than they knew it would yield, and being
at

at all events, desirous to get what the
Coin would produce by this process, and
directed our friends to have it refined by
Platt & Bro and the silver sent to the
mint for re-coining.

The invoice called for Am. \$5,349.25
you remitted us in Specie. \$1,198.08

out of which (besides transportation fees)
we had to pay Platt & Bro. \$60.-
we had therefore ^{as well} ~~but~~ have accepted their
offer of 2 1/2%.

We are, Sir, with much respect
yours obedt. Servts.,
E. W. Bruns & Sons

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the United States.

Sir,
I take the liberty to lay
before you the following representation, and re-
spectfully ask of you to support the claim
which is made thereupon.

In the month of January last, being in
command of the brig William J. Watson, trading
between Philadelphia and the West Indies, I
arrived at the island of St. Thomas. I there
found that Randal Hutchinson, late a Clerk in
the mint of the United States, who had embez-
zled the moneys of the United States and fled
from justice, had taken refuge in that island.
I therefore felt it to be my duty to capture and
bring him home; but for want of treaty-arrange-
ments between Denmark (to which country that
island belongs) and the United States, there
was no way of effecting my object by legal
process; and therefore I was obliged to resort
to threats and persuasions, which had the effect
to induce him to surrender himself into my
charge, and go on board of my vessel. Besides
this, I recovered the sum of two thousand three
hundred and fifty dollars in gold coins, which
he had deposited in the Bank of St. Thomas.
From that time until my arrival at the

port of Philadelphia, said Hutchinson was
in my custody. Expecting that my vessel
would be boarded by the officers of the
law with a legal warrant, which of course
I had not, I anchored in the stream; but
my expectations being disappointed, I came
ashore with Hutchinson, it being then late
at night, and directly went to give inform-
ation to ^{the officers of the mint, and the proper} ~~the~~ authority, by whom he was
arrested at his house a few hours after.
The foregoing facts, as you are aware, have
already more largely appeared in the tes-
timony before the District Court where said
Hutchinson was convicted. As he was
thereby, by my agency and personal effort,
and with a good deal of care and trouble,
apprehended and brought to justice, I
respectfully claim the reward which was
offered by the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully Yours

Wm. C. C. C.

Philadelphia June 6th 1848

New York 1st June 1848
To the Directors of the
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

We have sent you to day
by Livingston's express, Messrs Harnden
& Co, a Box containing in gold
Bullion \$19500. - For which
please give them on delivery a
receipt in our name.
To morrow or next day we shall
let you know how we wish this
Bullion to be coined.

We are, Sir
Yours very respectfully
Burchenath & Vandamant

Duplicate New York 1st June 1866
Capt. A. A. Kent
To the Director of the
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

We have sent you to day by Livingston's
Express, late Hazard & Co., a Box containing
in Gold Bullion \$19500 for which please
give them on delivery a receipt in our name.
To morrow or next day we shall let you
know how we wish this Bullion to be coined.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,
Herknerath & Vandamund

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia July 11, 1848.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of the U. S. Bullion account at the Mint, up to the present day; and it will show that we are not yet prepared to honor a draft from the Department payable in gold.

The Treasurer has now, in gold coins, only \$3,860, and there is due to the Assistant Treasury \$48,000, and to depositors \$19,556.92. The deliveries of gold from the mint, this week, will not exceed \$50,000.

I send this statement in performance of a promise made to you in my letter of the 7th.

Very respectfully

your faithful servant

R. M. D.

W. Clinton Young, Esq.
atty Gen. Phila.

1848

July 7 To the credit of the U.S. Bullion Account \$244,115.30
 " " Profit & loss for sundry deductions 626.93
\$244,742.23

Due to the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Philad. in }
 Treas. Draft \$9930, in his favor for \$148,872.75 } 48,000.
\$196,742.23

July 11 Bullion & Coins on hand: - Gold Silver
 In the hands of the Treasurer
 Bullion - \$11,233.67 \$7,446.68
 Coins 3,860. 51,753.59
 Coins around for assaying 955 10.15
\$16,048.67 \$59,210.92

In the hands of the Mints & Refining }
 and the Chief Coiner } 114,275.09 75,403.06
\$130,323.76 \$134,473.48

Due to Depositors 19,556.92 638.09
 Total amount of gold 110,766.84
 " " silver 133,975.39
\$244,742.23

Less amt due the Asst. Treas. }
 U.S. at Philad. as above } 48,000. \$196,742.23

Ph^a July 11 / 68.

Dear Sir,

I have written to Mr. Young, by the mail which bears this letter, and I have shown him that we cannot, this week, honor a draft from the Department, payable in gold. I have promised to make known to him, from time to time, the condition of the bullion fund, and thus to inform him when he may draw on us, and for how much. The time cannot be soon, nor the amount great.

R. M. P.

S. M. McKean, Esq.

Annapolis July 8.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged by the pamphlet which you
have sent me & which arrived the day after your kind
note. If you have a spare copy to spare will you
be so kind to send one. Williamsport, Ann. Arundel Co.
Md., my next Post Office.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. L. Patterson

A. D. B. B.

Quincy, Ill.

Chicago

Mont. 101.

July 7, 1915.

Sir,

In the letter which I sent ~~to you~~ yesterday, in answer to the inquiry made by you whether ^{we} ~~you~~ could let you have \$100,000 in gold, ~~from the office~~ ^{from the office} and how soon, I promised to send to-day a ~~statement~~ ^{full view} of the present condition of the ^{United States} bullion fund in the Mint. I accordingly now present, in the subjoined statement, the information required.

You will see that the ^{U.S.} bullion fund is reduced, ~~to \$49~~ after deducting your last draft upon it, to \$199,758.60 of which there is in gold the value of \$85,879.55. Of this gold there is, in coins in the Treasury vault, but \$4,482.53, while \$20,812.40 is due to depositors.

The Chief Coiner has something less than \$2000 in gold coins in his vault, and has thirty ingots which will be sold tomorrow, and will be in coins on Wednesday next; but will yield only about \$20,000.

From the note ~~subjoin~~ of the Mints & Refining, which is subjoined, and to which I ask your attention, it appears that he has now in his hands about \$500,000 of gold, of which ~~\$400,000~~ the greater part will require at least four working days to prepare it for ingots, and about as long afterwards to ~~convert~~ ^{convert} for the operations of the Coiner.

It is evident, therefore, that we cannot ~~have~~ ^{have} for a draft upon us for gold for at least a week, and then only for a moderate amount. I will take care to inform you both of the time and amount, when they shall be ascertained.

Of the silver coins in the Treasury vault,
there are \$22,108 in dollars, \$22,518 in half-dollars, and
the remainder (\$31,960) in small coins, quarters, dimes,
and half-dimes.

R. M. P.

To
Mr. Clutcock Young Esq.

Melton & Refining Office

July 7, 1848

My dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry I have the honor to state, that there is at this time, in my hands, about 4000 oz. of gold of which 1500 only is in condition for melting into ingots of standard gold. The remainder 2500 oz. requires refining which will occupy four working days, at least to prepare it for ingots. And allowing three days for the operations of the Coiner, it can be delivered to the Treasurer in a week.

At the present time as is always the case when work is slack and the bullions received in small parcels, by far the larger part of the gold requires refining by the acid process, and cannot, therefore, be returned in coin to the Treasurer in less time on an average than a week or more.

Dr R M Patterson

(signed) Robert M. Bullitt

Southern Magnetic Telegraph.

The following communication was received at
this office, at o'clock, minutes, A.M.
Dated, Washington July 6th 1848.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of Mint

Please inform by
mail if can have
100,000 dollars (one hundred
thousand) in gold
and how soon

Wm. C. Coring.

16/48.

Mint N.Y.

Phil. July 6 / 48.

Sir,

Your note by the telegraph was not received ^{by me} until after the office hours of the Mint, and it is therefore out of my power to give ~~an~~ ^{any} statement of the condition of the Treasury's vault. I know however that there was this morning ^{but} between three and four thousand dollars in gold ⁱⁿ the bullion fund, and that there was not enough to pay ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{what was} amounts due to depositors. It would therefore be out of your power now to have a draft upon us. I will inform you tomorrow of the exact amount in our hands, and of the ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed} amount to be exported from the Chief Coiner, and at what time.

R.M.P.

Esq.

To/

McC. Young Esq.
Act. Sec. & Co.

Treasury Department
July 6. 1875.

Sir

A message was sent by telegraph
this morning requesting you to state whether you
could spare \$100,000 in Gold from the Mint and how soon.

In the event of the message not having reached you
I will thank you to let me know by return of mail.

I am very Res^t

R. M. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint Philad^a.

Boston July 4th 1848

To/
The director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

I send you by
Harnden's express four boxes marked T.H.P.
containing 5 bars of silver viz.

#1 - 1 Bar w.t. 125.1.4 by 11.19

2 - 1 " " 52.4.0 " 11.21

3 - 1 " " 175.5.2 " 11.18

4 - 1 " " 76.8.5

430.0.3

Off for by 7.5.5 Mx. 422.2.6

1 Bar w.t. 158.5.6 by 11.19 1/2

Off for by 2.3.7 Mx. 156.1.7. 1/2

I request you to receive the same

for coinage, & send to me, or to Thomas,
H. Perkins Esq. (for whose account the bullion
is sent) a certificate in the usual form, with
information when the coin can be had.

I am, Sir,

respectfully,

your obedient servant

W. H. Cary

Treasury Department

July 20. 1878.

Sir,

Be pleased to inform the Department whether the Mint is in a condition yet to meet a draft for \$100,000 in gold - & if not for what amount a draft may be drawn.

I am very Res^{ly}

T. M. McK

Secretary of the Treasury

Lt. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad^a.

Treasury Department
July 18. 1848.

Sir

The Treasurer has been, this day,
requested to issue a transfer draft on the Assistant
Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer
of the Mint at Philadelphia for \$50,000 - to be
placed to the credit of the Treasurer on bullion
account. The amount to be transferred as heretofore
for the purpose of being received ~~or~~ being payable
in foreign Gold Coins.

I am very Resp^{ly}
Y^{rs} Mac Ker
Secy. of the Treasury

W. W. Patterson
Philad^a.

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Washington 15 July 1848

My dear Sir

About the moment of my receiving
your letter yesterday, the project of a Mint in N.Y.
was overthrown by a pretty decided vote. The majority
was soon against the engrossment of the Bill. In
the House a Bill has been reported from the
Committee of Ways & Means by Mr. Wood of N.Y.
I expressed some surprise to Mr. Pollock who thought
that the Committee had not pleased themselves to
the measure - but I regret the encouragement and
favor to this extent. Should it be brought up, I
trust it will be overloaded by a Charleston
amendment as it was in the Senate and thus
destroyed

Yrs very truly

J. R. Ingersoll

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Wm. W. S. July 13/68

Sir,

I send enclosed a memorandum of the
proceeds of the deposits of silver bars announced
in your letter of the 6th inst. The check receipt
was given in the name of Mr. W. G. Howard,
agent of Harnden's express line, and, on its pre-
sentation, the amount due will be paid.

R. M. P.

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Wm. W. S.
Wm. G. Cary, Esq.
Boston.

United States Mint,
Philad^a. July 20th 1848

Gentlemen,
I have received the 27 Kgs
Copper planchets, per John F. Cornet, as per
your receipted invoice of 12th inst.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^t Serv^t
(Signed) J. R. Snowden
Acty

To Messrs. Crocker & Co
Hampden Mass.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 24, 1848.

Philadelphia, July 21, 1848.

Dr.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, asking me "whether the Mint was in a condition yet to sweeten a draft for \$100,000 in gold, and if not for what amount a draft may be drawn."

On the receipt of ~~this letter~~ ^{the Bullion account}, ~~being~~ ~~reported to me~~, ~~stood as follows~~ there stood, to the credit of the United States Bullion account \$196,977.23

This sum was comprised as follows:

The gold bullion \$44,210.71

" gold coins 29,292.50

73,503.21

Due to Depositors 9, 164, 57

64,338.62

Silver Bulletin Nov. 132, 638. 61

\$ 196,977.23

You will see, from this statement, that there was but \$29,292.58 in gold coin in the hands of the ^{Bank} of California, when the \$9,000,000 contract was made, ^{and} the Chief Coiner then says, the last delivery was \$50,000, of which \$48,000 was paid over for a balance due to the Adjutant General's Treasury.

~~Since the above statement was made, we have~~
~~received \$30,000 from the New York American Savings~~

~~in foreign gold coins~~

The amount enclosed, in its progress through the Mint operations, was \$46,210.71, a 2376 coins. This is, by no means, a large quantity to have in this state.

Since the above statement was made, we have received \$50,000, in foreign gold coins, from the Assistant Treasury at New York, in payment of a draft from the Department in our favor. This gold, with the clippings and deposits on hand will be converted into ingots this day, and we may be able to meet a draft of \$50,000 on Wednesday next.

As it may be important to you that you be furnished with American gold coins at an earlier day, or to a greater amount, I take the liberty of stating that there is, ^{at this time,} in the general fund of the Assistant Treasury here, in such coins, about \$167,000.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. R. S. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

¹⁸⁴⁸
July 21 To the credit of U. S. Bullion acc. \$246,977.23

On hand - Gold Bullion \$94,210.71

Gold Coins 29,292.50

123,503.21

Due Depositors 9,164.59

\$114,338.62

Silver Bullion & Coins 132,638.61 \$246,977.23

July 7

1948

June 30 To the credit of the U.S. Bulletin account \$344,988.05

July 5 Less amount paid this day on a/c of the
Dept. No. 9, 930 dated 28 Feb, in favor
of the Asst. Sec. U.S. Phil. \$144,872.75

100,872.75

\$244,115.30

July 7 To the credit of Prof. & less sundry deductions from dep't.

620.30

\$244,735.60

July 7. Bulletin & coins in hand this day

Grand In the hands of the Sec'y

Bulletin \$8,087.58

Coins 4,442.50

Amount received from printing 955.00

\$13,485.08

In the hands of the C. Com'g
& Master & Repres

93,197.97

\$106,683.05

Due to Department

20,872.40

\$85,810.65

Also. In the hands of the Sec'y

Bulletin \$7,441.

Coins 76,747.69

Amount received from printing 10.15

\$84,198.84

In the hands of the C. C. & M. & R.

75,403.05

\$159,601.89

Due to Department

736.94

\$158,864.95

To the credit of the U.S. Bulletin & coins \$244,735.60

Due to Asst. Sec. U.S. Phil. in favor of the

48,000.00

\$196,735.60

D. Napier & Son.
Engineers.
Nine Street, York Road, Lambeth.
London July 26. 1848

Dear Sir
We have your favour
of yesterday
Referring to the Sorax
Reaping Machines now in use
at the Bank of England. We
have no machines ready made
for sale as we only make to
order. And it would require
two or three weeks before one
could be delivered. The Price
is (£200) 200 Guineas
1000/- And one third paid on the

Order being given - and the
Remainder ordered in London
An Order for two or three Machines
would not occupy much more
time - It has not any description
of the Machine which would be
of use in explaining its production
to shape corners as I have
seen them at work that they
will be sufficient to secure
us the Order -

Hoping to hear further from
you - I am Dear Sir - Yours very truly

D. Napier & Son
Robert Nelson Esq.

1896, 1898

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Mint, U.S. July 29, 1848.

To—
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Sir—The payment of the monthly wages
of the workmen of the Mint will fall
due on Monday next and the delay
to which they will be necessarily
subjected will be of serious inconvenience
to many of them. I have therefore most
respectfully to ask that you will
issue your warrant in favor of the
Treasurer of the Mint for \$2000 to
pay the wages of workmen out of
the appropriation to this Mint for
the fiscal year 1848-1849 as soon
as this appropriation shall be made.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Philad.

New York 12th Aug 1848

Sir, By Livingston H. Lafrepe I send you
a package to your address, marked ^{T.B.} A. A. W. said to contain
30 1/2 gr. of Gold Dust of superior quality. I will thank
you to have coined & return the proceeds by them who
are authorize to receive it on my account. I
beg of you also to hand them the certificate of
weight & value in my own name
I remain

Sir,

Yours respectfully

A. Aranguen

Commonwealth

to

Reverend Mr. Mitchell

Gentlemen,

A return in this case has been made to me
by Aldermen Mitchell and I shall be very
glad to confer with you on the subject, on
or after Monday next.

Very truly
Yrs.

Respectfully
Aug. 19. 1868.

William B. Reed.
Jr. City Council.

P. M. Patterson Esq. Director
J. R. Snodden Esq. Treasurer

Yrs. M. R.

New York Augth 14, 1848
R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

By Adams & Co's
Express I send you a small package gold dust, containing
thirty six 1/2 Castellanos and valued at one hundred &
nine five dollars, and which you will please have
coined, and send me the proceeds, together with the
usual certificate, by the above named Express, who
are fully authorized to receive the same.

Respectfully
J. H. Canaborg.

Wm. A. H.

New York Aug¹⁵ 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We send you
herewith a sealed Bag addressed to you
by Livingston & Co^s Express, containing two
packages Silver & one Gold dust and marked
as follows viz.

- (F) One Lot old silver in bag - to be assayed separate
- One package pure silver - to be assayed separate
- One package gold dust - to be assayed -

We will thank you to rec^d to Messrs Livingston
& Co^s Express and return proceeds by them with Certificate
of Weight & Value in our name as soon as it
can be converted into Coin. &

We beg to remain Sir

Very respectfully

Yours Obliga Friends & Servts

Everett & Brown

New York, August, 24th. 1848.

Dear Sir,

I have recently returned from London, where I have been residing for more than a year.

A Commission is now setting, with a view to the reorganization of the British Mint. The Officers manifested some interest in the reorganization of the American Mint.

Could you favour me with a copy of the Laws in relation to that subject?

Having received from the Officers the unusual privilege of visiting the Mint at pleasure, & having availed myself of it to some extent, I am desirous of sending them a copy.

The Moneys of the Mints & Refineries are paid by a percentage on the work executed. Mr. Madison, the Master of Refineries, informed me, that, when the light Sovereigns were called in, his percentage upon remitting them alone, amounted in one year, to Four thousand Pounds Sterling.

A few months since, an incident occurred which may not be without interest to you.

The Bank of England purchased a Bar of Gold, and sent it to the Mint, to be assayed.

It was subsequently sold by the Bank to a Metallurgist, who accidentally discovered it to contain some Sodium.

He returned it to the Bank & the latter called upon the Mint to pay the loss sustained.

Roman Gold is frequently of this character. You are aware that an ordinary assay will not indicate the nature.

The specific gravity being not very different from that of Gold, & ^{being} of inferior value, I should not be surprised to hear that frauds had been perpetrated.

Particles of Sodium may frequently be recovered in Sovereigns.

Refining Gold by the Sulphuric Acid process cost but one penny & a half per oz.

I have a supply of Crucibles, with covers, Black Lead Pots with covers, procured

from the Manufacturers, who supply the Mint & the great Refineries of London with which I shall be happy to supply you, at a small advance on the cost. Mr. Johnson considers the Cornish Crucible the best yet made, as it will bear any sudden change of temperature no matter how great, without cracking. Parting Jars are now made of Porcelain, which may be heated to redness, & for many purposes, are superseding Platinum.

I have the honour to be
with great respect,
Yours Very Obedt. Servt.
Jas. W. Fairman.

R. M. Patterson, M.D.
Director of the Mint.

Alta Vista, near Warren, Albemarle County, Va.,
Aug. 25. 1848.

Dear Sir:

I shall be much obliged by your
informing me the value is the value of gold bullion at the
mint: also gold dust.

I am with much regard your

Friend & Servt.

Wm. Pollard

To,

Doctor Patterson

Superintendent of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Virginia gold, after melting, is, generally,
worth about 75 cts. per dwt.; the value before melting,
(say in the state of amalgam or dust) is of course
variable, but a deduction of 5 per cent. from the above
rate would afford a good approximation.

Bank of Cape Fear
Raleigh N.C.
Aug 29th 1848

Dear R. M. Patterson
Director N. S. Mint
Phil^a

Dear Sir

I send by my
friend Mr. Heart a check on N. Y. for \$360 - for which
I desire small change, quarters, Dimes & half @.
say \$2.25 in quarters
75 " 1/2 Dimes
60 " Dimes, or whatever bal^y may be left
after paying your charge, if the ck is not the funds
for which you give change, Mr. Heart will convert
them into coin to suit; I will take it as a kindness
to get the above amt, and will be

Very Respectfully
Yours
W. H. Money
Cashier

My dear doctor,

I have received your
note inviting me to act as
arbitrator between the claimants
of the rewards for the arrest of
Mr. Hatchinson. I accept the
office, not a very pleasant one
as I apprehend, but one in
which perhaps I can act more
easily than others might; and
if the parties desire to bring
evidence or to make representa-
tions before me, I will assign
an early day for a hearing. I
can make myself free on Friday
at one o'clock or Tuesday at ten.

Respectfully

Yours

J. R. Patton

St. Petersburg.

30 Aug. 1848.

Minist of the United States.

Philadelphia, Aug. 30, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an agreement signed by
Capt. Wm. Eckfeldt on the one part, and Messrs Wm.
H. Miller, Thos. O'Steil and Saml. H. Gilbert on the
other part, claimants respectively for the reward of
\$500 offered by the Treasury Department through me,
for the apprehension of Mr. Randal Hitchcock.
In this paper the parties submit their claims to
you, to award the same or any portions of the
same to and among the respective claimants."

I join willingly in begging you to accept
this reference, and I will act upon your decision,
subject however to the approval of the Secretary of
the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

truly yours,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

Yrs
Wm. H. R. Kane.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

26 Sept 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James P. Browder Esq
Appl 26 Sept 49

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Wm. C. Subbiss
Acting Sec. of the Mint

Wm. C. Subbiss
Acting Sec. of the Mint
I have just paid
J. K. Simpson agent of Adams H. Co.
agreeable to your order \$130.000
the amount of transfer draft no.
732 drawn in favor of the Treasurer
of the Mint. The agent leaves with
the money this afternoon

Yours &c
Wm. C. Subbiss
Act. Sec.

U.S. Mint Phila. Sept 25, 1888
To - Sorenson Libent
Woodstock, Va.
Sir - your letter of the 12th inst. with
the two specimens of ore came duly to
hand and the specimens have both
been assayed. That marked B did
not show a trace of gold or silver,
but that marked A showed traces
of each. If you can find a piece
to send of about 100 grains we
will make another assay
and report the results to you
as those submitted were much
too small.
Very faithfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

Specimen Marked A Weight 2 grains

Contains $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of Silver & a trace of Gold

Specimen Marked B Not a trace

25, 1846

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George Tibert, Esq.

Treasury Department
September 23^d 1898

Sir

Accompanying this communication you will receive a number of very handsomely executed medals, presented by Mr. Alexander Valtman to the Treasury Department for the United States Mint. They are fine specimens of the perfection to which that art has attained in France -

As a mark of the estimation which the Department places upon this handsome donation and to aid in carrying out the system of National Exchanges of which Mr. Valtman is the distinguished originator, you are hereby authorized to place at his disposal copies of all of the coins of the United States and whatever medals you may have in your power to furnish.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.

M. C. Young
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Niagara Falls. Sept 21. 1845.

My dear Friend,

We reached this interesting place yesterday morning. Our trip thus far, via New York, Albany, &c. has been indeed a delightful one. We stopped at each city that afforded objects for sight-seeing - among other points the Greenport Falls, Auburn Prison, Mount Hope Cemetery, the Capitol at Albany &c. &c. At Rochester we embarked on board the ^{Lake} Lady of the Lakes, and traversed Ontario about 100 miles to Queenston. From thence we came here by R. Road. We spent yesterday in viewing the falls as the American side, & among other matters, passed over the Suspension Bridge. To day at 11 o'clock, we embarked on the chair of the ship & will pass near the falls quite under the Centre falls. It is perfectly safe. I saw the people yesterday make the excursion, and will pass to the Canada side in the afternoon & also tomorrow. I expect to reach Erie on Saturday night.

I hope you are getting along well, and that my absence will occasion but little inconvenience to the business affairs of the Unit.

Mr. C. and myself are in the enjoyment of perfect health & the finest spirits - for myself I never enjoyed better health in my life.

Remain most kindly to Mr. Pease, Mr. Parry, & my other kind friends. I will be happy to hear

from you at Erie
My dear friend,

Samuel B. Chandler

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed issue of a new series of coins, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Samuel B. Chandler

Sept. 20, 1848.

Wm. Rice (director Post Office) called this day.

Has command of a large quantity of Lehigh
Back Mountain Coal. Offers to supply the
Mint at \$1.25 per ton.

Told that we were now supplied, but that, at
a future occasion, we would give his coal a trial.

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Washington Sept 20th 1848

Sir

I have received your letter of the 17th Inst
also the Manual of Gold and Bullion, for which
accept my thanks.

I am now receiving my instructions
from the Department and if nothing transpires
to prevent think of leaving for the South on the
25th. I may however be detained a few days longer
on account of the absence of Mr. Buchanan
Should I not receive Dr. Patterson's report he
can send it to me through the Department
of State, or otherwise.

I will return it as a favor
if you will inform me the standard of
the Gold from the New discovery in California
at as early a day as possible in the same
manner as above, "What the life by nothing
is and all the information that may be of
use to me, purchasing it. I am a
pretty good judge of it but should
like to have particulars

If the gold region in California
should prove so rich as is represented
I presume we will have a mint
there ere long

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servt
John S. Rock

Col W. A. DuBois
Asst. Atty Gen
U. S. Mint
Phil

There are two new Mints established in
Mexico set down in your manual
One at Guadalupe de Calvo and the other
in Guilaes, State of Sinaloa, I believe
you have received no Coins from the latter
as yet having commenced since the war
broke out!

Baltimore, Sept. 16. 1845.
Agent of the United States

Philetas?

Baltimore,

Ellis Adams & Co have
transmitted in your receipt, N^o 531, for
110.750 ounces Gold Bullion dated 8 inst.
- We would be much obliged by your
sending us the assay of the same,
and will am^t to be drawn for as
early as convenient to enable us
to settle with the party interested.

We are, with respect
Yours obt. s^{ts}.

Brinkman & Pearce

To
Richard Pollard
Warren Va.
Sept 15 1868

Your letter of the 1st was not
received by me until this morning.
I note you will visit the West
after your return from Chile
and that you brought platinum
and gold dust with you, and I
supposed your other preference
was in connection with your
present residence.

My answer to your now
must necessarily prove unsatis-
factory as I had to state that
gold bullion and gold dust from
the Pacific ports of South America
varies in fineness from 780
to 920, or from 716 to 719
an ounce.

Very respectfully

R. M. Patterson
Director

Feb. 9th 1842

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to Express

New York Sept 14/48

Superintendent of the
U S Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I send you by
M. & C. Express 409.418 g Gold in Bars and
Dust which please turn into coin and
return by same messenger to your of. send

J M Whitlock

William Read

St Louis Mo

Mint of the United States.
September 13th, 1845.

The Treasurer of the Mint, James Ross
Snowden, being about to absent himself from
the Mint temporarily, for sufficient cause, I
do hereby, under the authority given by the
4th Section of the Mint Act of January 18, 1837,
and with the consent of the said Jas. R. Snowden,
appoint William E. DuBois, (the Assistant As-
sayer,) to act in the place of the Treasurer, du-
ring his absence.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

The above temporary appointment is made
with my consent. James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Washington Sept 9th 1848

Sir

I enclose herewith a bill for \$4 value of the books I requested last aside the other day, which I will thank you to send to me, here, I think between 18th & 19th.

It is highly probable I shall not return to your city before it leaves for the Pacific, and you will please communicate to me the instructions you may think proper to make for separating Gold from Silver and Silver from Gold, in order that on my arrival and I may make the same known to parties interested in shipping such treasure.

I think if you were at once to put the expense at the same rate they charge in Paris, in the course of a very short time after the steaming shall commence promising a large proportion of the Bullion hitherto sent to Europe would for the benefit of Exchange, be lodged with you. Till the experiment shall be made it is impossible to foresee the results.

I am very Respectfully

To Mr. Patterson

U. S. Mint Phila.

Your obt. Servt

John Forsyth

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I will mention a little anecdote that took place last
 year Prof W B Rogers of the Hornsby of Bergamo
 very frequently requested me if I should discover
 any Minerals that I was not fully acquainted with
 that I should enclose him a specimen and he would
 analyze them for me with pleasure. In some of
 my collections of Minerals from my neighborhood
 I found a handsome mineral what I supposed to be a
 true Galena or sulphuret of lead containing something
 like 60 per cent lead four or five per cent of silver
 and one or more of Zinc. The Prof very promptly
 in eight or ten days answered my letter saying
 that he had analyzed my specimens and found them
 to be sulphuret of lead except one which was marked
 A, that contained some four per cent of zinc
 and of the ore was a plenty I would do no more
 at a profit. From the lot of ore with the blue pipe
 I deduced a large amt of lead not 60. Now really his
 analysis astonished me so much that I wrote him
 to know how in the world he could find the Zn which
 was only four or five per cent and overlooked some
 sixty per cent of lead. Since the date of my letter
 I have not heard from the learned Prof. ~~at~~ ^{perhaps}
 he became insulted at my rudeness. It was enough
 to challenge his report. I hope you will not at least
 refuse to let me hear from him as the prof did.

Han Buren Palmer Sept 12 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

Co Day I am in receipt of
of your favor of the 7th inst. (Contents duly
noted) I hope you will not think me
impertinent when you peruse the content
of my Letter. If it is not inconsistent with
your feelings I would be pleased if you would have
the Mineral Specimens enclosed analyzed.
I enclose two specimens from the Mines one I call
No 1 and the other Marked B has just made its
appearance in the flower stratum of our excavation
I am well convinced that the most skillful Chemist
would from the external appearance of these Minerals
take them for some Pyrites, the Specimen Marked
A contains Gold & Silver and a very limited
Amt of ~~silica~~ Mineralized by Sulphur, the
question naturally will arise if I know that
it contains Silver & Gold why trouble you
for an analysis, My reason is this that I have
very frequently for amusement and information
analyzed Minerals but not having such Chemicals
as I can confidently rely upon often too much
adulterated with that I know of Elements I have
acquired without an instructor. If after this
explanation you will be so kind as to have my
Minerals "technically" examined I will take
it as a special favor. If I was as well
acquainted with Chemistry & Mineralogy as I think
I am with the Manufacturing of Iron I could
confidently compete in my own analysis.
Please let us hear from you soon.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Senator
Govt of the United States
Philadelphia

Yours very respectfully
Lucius Robert

Baltimore Sept 7. 1848.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a.

We enclose receipt of
Adams & Co for a small parcel
of Gold dust - directed to you -
also original mark V.B. - I sealed
with our initials - the Invoice calls
for 744.578 Castellanos - please send
us Certificate for same.

Very respectfully,
Richd. H. Chase

To ^{U.S. Mint, Philadelphia}
~~Congress~~ Sept. 7, 1868
Woodstock, Va.

I regret to state that the
specimens which you sent to the
Mint do not contain either silver
or gold. They are simply iron
pyrites, a combination con-
taining iron and sulphur.
This mineral so from its
appearance frequently mistaken
for gold and specimens
are often received at the
Mint. R. W. Patterson
Director

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Alta Vista, near Warren, Albemarle County, Va.,
Sept. 8. 1846.

Dear Sir:

I recd. on yesterday your favour of
2nd. and for which I thank you.

My impression had reference to South Ame-
rican gold. In remembrance, I got from them, Chile, I wished
to see if I could not do better in having them sent in
gold bullion or gold dust than copper. I suppose the
same value attaches to ^{S. Am. gold} as to Virginia gold. If
you recollect, I carried a small parcel of gold dust to
the mint at the time I carried there the plate pieces, soon
after my arrival from Chile.

I am most respectfully
Yr friend & servt

Wm. Pollard

To,
R. M. Patterson Esq.

"Gold bullion or gold dust" from the Pacific ports of
S. America varies from 780 to 920 thous. fine; or from
\$16 to \$19 per oz. Troy.

Statements of Gold sent by (Cousin)
 Bartolotta to be coined at U.S. Mint. N.Y.
 marked to Bridge / Package to be coined together. $83 \frac{14}{20}$ Oz
 " The American 1 " " " " $24 \frac{20}{20}$ "

Brand Hammer & Bant's Trade.
 Robert Vaughan

Brand Hammer & Bant's Trade
 Hammer sold by 1848
 Am. Pallmer & Co.
 Dealer as above. Phila.
 Receipt

Send this
 above package of Gold buttons to be coined. Will be obliged
 to you to send with the usual statement of the value & a
 Certificate of deposit of the nett amt. I don't care
 to trouble the bear with long letters.

Robert
 Vaughan

New York Sept 8th 1848.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director U. S. Mint

Phil^a

Dear Sir. We send you
herewith a sealed bag addressed to you by Livingston
Esq Express containing a package of gold, to be
assayed and we will thank you to return proceeds
by them with certificate of weight & value in our name
as soon as it can be converted into coin &
The bag to remain Sir.

Very Respectfully
Yours -

W^m
Edw^d A Brown

Under the reference made to me
by Captain John Eckfeldt, of the one part,
and William H. Miller, Thomas O'Neil,
and Samuel H. Gilbert, of the other part,

I award

that of the reward of five
hundred dollars, referred to in the a.
head letter of the Director of the Mint,
there should be paid to Captain John
Eckfeldt two hundred dollars, and to
William H. Miller, for himself, and Tho-
mas O'Neil and Samuel H. Gilbert, three
hundred dollars.

Philadelphia, 16 Oct., 1848.

L. L. L. M.

By
Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint U.S.

It is agreed by and between John C. Corfett
claimant on the one part, and William S. Miller, Thomas
O'Neil and Samuel Gilbert joint claimants on the
other part, upon the reward offered by the Government
of the United States of America, through the Director
of the Mint, for the apprehension of Randall
Austin, to submit their respective claims
to the Honorable John A. Kane, to award the
same or any portions of the same to and
among the respective claimants
August 29. 1845

John C. Corfett

William S. Miller

Thos. O'Neil

Samuel Gilbert

Refers to the
Hon. Sec. of State, by Capt.
John Eckfeldt, as above
Hon. H. Miller, Thos. O'Steil,
& John H. Gillet, for the
agreement of a sum of
\$500 for the apprehension of
Abolitionists.
Aug. 29, 1848.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Aug. 30, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an agreement signed by
Capt. John Eckfeldt on the one part, and Messrs.
Hon. H. Miller, Thos. O'Steil, and Saml. H.
Gillet on the other part, claimants respectively for
the reward of \$500 offered by the Treasury Depart-
ment through me, for the apprehension of Mr.
Randal Hutchinson. In this paper the parties
submit their claims to you, "to award the same
or any portions of the same to and among the res-
pective claimants."

I join willingly in begging you to accept
this reference, and I will act upon your decision,
subject however to the approval of the Secretary of
the Treasury.

Very respectfully & truly,

Yours,

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. John H. Kane.

Bedford Commercial Bank.

New Bedford, mo. 184

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia. Dear Sir,

I have received your Letter of the
with enclosure as stated.
Enclosed I send for bills as stated below.

Very Respectfully,

I send herewith about \$400. Silver
to be exchanged for quarters
Very respectfully

Th. B. White
Cash.

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint. Please deliver
to the order of George & Monro the
amount in quarters of the above mentioned
Silver. Thos. B. White, Bank

New Bedford 9 mo. 29. 1848
Th. B. White Cash.

Bank of Geneva - Geneva
N. Y. Oct 18. 1848

Samuel Snowden Esq to
W. L. Minto

Dear Sir

Enclose my debt on New York
to your order for \$200 for which please send us
that amount of cents, free of charge for transportation

Yours Respy

M. E. Sill Cashr

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1848.

Sir,

On the 10th of January last, I wrote to the Department, stating that it had been recommended, both by the U. S. District Judge, and the Mayor of the City, that a reward of \$500 should be offered for securing the person of Mr. Randall Hutchinson, who had ^{abandoned} ~~stepped~~ from the Mint, with moneys belonging to the United States.

On the 8th of January, the Acting Secretary of the Treasury wrote to me as follows. — "You are hereby authorized to offer a reward of \$500, for the apprehension of Randall Hutchinson, as suggested by you."

Mr. Hutchinson was first discovered by Capt. John Eckfeldt, at St. Thomas, and was brought to Philadelphia by Capt. Eckfeldt, — but not by force.

On their arrival at the city, Mr. Hutchinson went to his home, and Capt. Eckfeldt reported the fact to the Treasurer of the Mint and myself, late at night.

We immediately sent for Judge Kane, and asked
his advice ^{and action} in the case. He accordingly issued his
warrant for the apprehension of Mr. Hutchinson, and
placed him in the hands of Deputy Marshals Wm. H.
Whitely, Thos. O'Sullivan, and Samuel H. Gilbert, and
by this means Randal Hutchinson was legally
^{arrested.}
~~apprehended.~~

Under these circumstances ^{and of} the parties present-
ed joint claims, on grounds which are given in
the subsequent letters 1 and 2. On the 29th of August,
both parties agreed to submit their respective claims to
the Hon. Wm. H. Kane, to award the same, or any
portion of the same, to and among the respective claim-
ants." (etc. 3.)

To this arrangement, I gave my assent, (etc. 4.)
and I promised to act upon Judge Kane's decision,
"subject, however, to the approval of the Secretary of
the Treasury."

The award of Judge Kane has been presented,
(etc. 5.) and he recommends that there be paid to Capt.
Wm. Whitely \$200, and to Wm. H. Whitely,
for himself and Thos. O'Sullivan and Samuel H.
Gilbert, \$300."

This award I think to be just and satis-
fying, and I respectfully ask for its appro-
bation.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

James Ross from the
Dumfries Oct. 20. 1848.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 18th inst. - & we
shall ship tomorrow by the "Hornet"
35 to 40 kegs plaster, of which we
will give notice in due time -

Yours

Wm. Ross

Greenock

OCT 13TH 1848

I Chroden P. J. J.
Dear Sir

Alas! please find enclosed
for the two pamphlets and enclosed the shipping
receipt for same.

On the 29th Sept. we sent you the
same number of the and are expecting daily
to hear from you that they are ready for us.

We think we have succeeded in getting
the pamphlets about as you desire them and
trust that you will find this lot quite
equal to any previous lot.

Yours truly
J. H. J.

United States Mint
Philadelphia October 28, 1868.

Sir, I herewith forward you
the "weekly statement" ending the
day with a cancelled voucher,
showing the state of the Bullion and
public moneys deposited in the Mint
by the Treasurer of the United States.

Very very
Yours Obedt Servt.
(signed) J. R. Snowden
Treas.

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To
Hon. Selden
New York
Washington

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Mt. of M. S.
Phil. Oct 27/49.

Sir, In reply to your letter of yesterday,
I have to state, that it will conflict
with no rule of the Musee to allow your
deposits to remain undrawn for any
length of time you may see proper,
and no expense will be incurred
by letting it remain as you desire.

Very truly
Yr obedient
servant
J. R. R.

Mr. James Roman
N.Y.

To. U.S. Mint Philadelphia
Oct 27 1858
F.H. Tong, Esq.
Pres. D. Lee & Co's Bank
Buffalo.

Dear Sir -
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. in which you ask for \$2000 in silver and half dollars, to be paid for by a draft for that amount. I am sorry to say that we cannot furnish the coins for an ordinary draft because unless it may be paid in silver it would not be in silver that we coin. We must therefore require either silver bullion or foreign coins. If you have not such to deposit with us you can no doubt obtain them by applying to bullion brokers either there or at New York.

Very respectfully,
R.M. Patterson
Director

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J. A. Jones, Eng

Pres. O'Lee & Co's Bank

Buffalo

Mint U.S. Phil Nov 8, 1848

Mr. Parrott, Esq

Dear Sir,

The Director of the Mint being absent at this moment, and understanding that a mail for California is to leave on the 10th, I take occasion to say, in an informal way, that we are diligently engaged in discussing and arranging the preliminaries for the new process of putting the precious metals, with every expectation of commencing at an early day. Whenever that date can be fixed you will be informed of it by the Director. I will also add that we have decided to put the expense at the same rate as charged in Paris. What that rate is we expect to learn from Paris in a few weeks.

Yours &c

Wm E. DuBois

Asst. Adm.

My dear Doctor, David 16th November 1845
The steamer in a long passage brought me yesterday,
your Letter of 23 October with the 2nd Exchange on London,
for £100. - The first having reached me a fortnight since,
for which I forwarded the money, at the Providence phrase it is
on the morning of its arrival at a ~~trifling~~ trifling premium -
Now when you want any information, of course, none,
pray make no rodomontade about trouble. I suppose you
remember my little Epistle dealing heads and tails of
that sage Rabelais & Van B. - I feel it, I feel it, out of tune
with him, from the condition to which he has reduced
our Country, at the Americans abroad phrase it, though I
have no bad feeling towards any one of his race, but I can
not recollect Dr. Van Command me, I honor man & woman
would have it, I am a creature, I am at your service, don't
me not - This preamble introduced the sublime pattern of
your Epistle. I immediately on its arrival, forthwith I took
me to the Hotel de Monnaie, for information, about a book
I know about as much as you, of Heresy - a right Plagiarist
which I presume is swallowed up in money making - a dog -
you may perchance recollect that I sent the disclosure when in
the libert as you Proclamation, a Proclamation published by me & my
who was Chief de Rapprochement at the time, on the subject of the
separation of small particles of Gold, from shades of Silver -
I presume you have it at the libert - well, he is disclosure,
having long since been called a from the Treasures of Earth, to
those that perish not in the using, but his Successor, now
in office, is Mr. Deloua to whom I addressed my demand -
Request the asker - and that you may perceive whether
or not, my translation embodied your idea, going to you -

We are at the disposal of copies, on these subjects to
 give you any information or other help - depending
 of course, on the interest & the degree of need.
 To give you ~~any~~ useful clearing the point -

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Chemical friend says I ask'd him incidentally only
that it can be had at a cheaper rate with you than here -
This is a random shot but I require immediate reply -
Specimen No 10 - We are at usual - my poor Ensign is still
suffering badly, & not able to come into the Alm - confined to
his room - fluctuating between hor. vomiting and bad & the complaint
manifests itself, at little change, and is amenable to
brandy and molasses - also has been lately intermitted

Daß die kaiserliche Münzen? Unterschrift und die Regel
des kaiserlichen Münzmeisters? Kreithaupt mir alle solche bekannt
sind, bezeugende ich auf Verlangen.
Marburg des 3ten Septbr. 1843. Dr. Chr. Ludw. Gerling.

Dr. Chr. Ludw. Gerling.
Professor der Mathematik
1796 und 1800

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Einiges ist auch Landgewächs
eigentlich

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Das ist Alles und meine Lebensverpflichtung ist es ich nun glücklich,
leise und ruhig unter meiner Wallung für die Zukunft,
für welche ich hier bei grossen der sorgfältigen Rücksicht

Lyttelton Dec 22nd June 1842.

F. W. Breithaupt.

Josephus in Münzmeister
u. Pokw

(P.L.)

Lang. Lie. ungesch. Flammach. Kalkstein und gelb. Kiesel
sch. u. Merg. Meistens Breithaupt, wie gelb. gelb. bekannt
sind. daffinige ist auf. Kalkstein.

Marburg. Jan. Septbr. 1845.

Dr. Chr. Ludw. Gerling.

(L. S.) Professor Dr. Mathieu.
Vort. und Assistenten

Duplicat

(Abschrift Dr. H.)

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Frankfort 2. den 24. December 1844.

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(L.S.)

Dr. Carl Jacob Moritz Schatz
Hofrath in Jena
Lüneburg

Das folgende ist eine ganz neue Art Luftschiff,
welches durch seine Construction respectiver Aufhängen, mehr als
meines Schiffs auf Wasser und alle sonstigen getragenen
Gegenstände in der Construction desselben besteht
in der schiffartigen Bildung der Constructoren, also mehr als
auf Wasser und Luftschiffen, wie auch in der Befestigung der
Gegenstände in der Luftschiffen zu den getragenen Gegen-
ständen selbst.

Wien den 30. December 1844.

Michael Meiter.

Zur Befestigung des Luftschiffes ist eine besondere Art
Michael Meiter's Luftschiffbau beschrieben, wie auch
mit Luftschiffen.

Wien den 30. December 1844.

Der Bürgermeister

(L.S.)

F. M.
Boegner
(L.S.)

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Wien den 30. December 1844.

(L.S.)

Thiers, Luftschiffbau.

Wien den 30. December 1844.

Danvers Nov 14. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Dear Sir.

Received in
hand bill of 18 kegs planches, shipped
from an iron by Sch. Henry Dela
amounting to \$1.382.40

We will thank you to ship the amt.
of an inv. of 21st. Wt. to Messrs H. M.
Hooper & Co. Boston, in care

Very Respectfully,
Geo. W. F.

Mint let Nov 15, 1868.

Dear Sir,

The disappointment expressed in the letter of the 11th, which you have sent to me, regarding a deposit of gold from St. Carolina made at the Mint, is not at all surprising. There is always a considerable loss in melting amalgams, but the loss in this case was unusually great, being nearly 14 per cent. — A large amount of amalgam-gold from St. Carolina has been recently brought to the Mint, which has also suffered unusual loss on melting. I cannot account for this change in the quality of the amalgams. In our process of melting there has been no change.

R. M. P.
Dir.

To
John Hectoloy, Esq.
Care: Bk. N. American.

Treasury of the U.S.
20 Nov 1848

Sir,

Enclosed please find Transfer
draft N^o 734 for \$120,000. - in your favor
on Bullion &c, on the A^{ct}. Treasurer
U.S. New York, which please pass to my
credit on your Books on Bullion &c

Respectfully
yr. obt. S^t.
Lafayette
Treas. U.S.

Treasurer U.S. Mint
Phila^a

Danville Nov 24. 1838.

James Ross founder &c.

Texas - Tex.

Annexed we have
bill of 19 keys planches, shipped via
Boston, by Prof. Emory -

We shall make another shipment
this week -

Yours

Very Respectfully

Charles D. Smith

U. S. Mine,
Philad^a Nov^r 21/1845.

Sir, I have this day rec^d.
from your Treasury a draft
No 744, in my favor on the 1st of Jan^y
1846 or 1847, dated 20th Nov^r, for One
Hundred and twenty thousand Dollars,
payable in foreign gold coins, which I
will send for, in the usual manner,
and when received, place to your credit
on the books of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t
Signed J^{as} Ross Snowden
Treas^r

Wm Selden Esq
Near W. State
Washington

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1848

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ult., and also of the ^{fine} collection of Medals brought from Paris, ^{by Mr. Vollenweide} to the Treasury Department for the United States Mint. The medals are master-pieces of skill and taste, and form a most valuable and welcome addition to our Cabinet.

Under the authority which you have given to me, ^{placed at the disposal} I will give Mr. Vollenweide, a complete series of the Coins of the United States, and of the medals struck at the Mint.

R. M. P.

Do.

To
Mr. Clinton Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1848.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt
of the valuable collection of Medals ~~delivered~~
sent by you ~~to~~, from the French Government,
to the United States Mint. They are master-
pieces of skill and taste, and I can assure you
that, for this valuable donation, we are sincerely
grateful both to your ^{Government} and to yourself.

We will place in your hands, at such time
as you may desire, a series of the coins of the
United States, and of the medals which have been
struck at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
(Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.
Director.)

Yr
Alexander Vattmace, Esq.

Washington Oct 2. 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to transmit to you the collection of medals destined by the French Government for the important establishment of which you are the distinguished and able Director. Circumstances beyond my control have prevented my sending you at an earlier day these beautiful though inadequate tokens of the feelings of my beloved country towards your own.

One great object which I have in view is to make a collection of the works of American genius in every department which shall be to the old world the tangible proofs of the vast and rapid progress made by your country in literature, science & art. The enclosed letter from the Secretary of the Treasury will give you the necessary authority to make additions to this collection unobtainable from any other source, second to none in importance and beauty, and which will be in harmony, I know, with your own feelings of enlightened patriotism.

I recollect with the highest pleasure the kindness with which you received me nine years ago on my first visit to your beautiful city with a view of inviting her inhabitants to join in the great intellectual union of nations, of which it has pleased Providence to make me the humble and unworthy

advocate.

I remember likewise the encouraging words you were kind enough to address to me when, in a moment of discouragement, I complained of the apparent coldness with which my call was responded to. You told me that the calm & reflecting genius of Penn & of Franklin was still predominant in Pennsylvania, but that the moment your countrymen were as fully aware as yourself of the importance and usefulness of the design, their devotion and liberality towards the cause would be exceeded by none. I am happy in being able to tell you that the prediction has met its realization in the promptness, I might almost say the enthusiasm with which the Legislature of Pennsylvania received my proposals for the establishment of the System of International Exchange. In three hours after my arrival in Harrisburg, and on the last day of the session, those proposals had by unanimous consent become a law! What may we not expect from good will like this?

I hope to have it in my power very soon to visit Philadelphia, but my stay there must necessarily be very short - one or two days at most - for I have already been detained in Washington nine months longer than I expected. I have yet much to do before the great objects of my self-imposed

mission to your country can be accomplished. May I but live to see the full realization of the cause to which I have devoted my existence, and I shall resign it in peace.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

With sincere respect,

Your Friend & Obt. Servt.

Alexandre Vattemare

To/

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

New York, Oct. 4th. 1848.

My Dear Sir,

Your favour of yesterday was duly received. I regret that the ^{Black Lead} boxes did not prove satisfactory.

You will please have them put aside, & I will remove them shortly, as I expect to visit Philadelphia soon.

When I shipped the boxes, the Captain, instead of taking them immediately on board the vessel, permitted them to remain on the Wharf, some time, exposed to the rain.

I have been apprehensive therefore, that the Black Lead Pots might have sustained some injury, and shall be happy to hear that my fears are groundless.

I presume however, that any dampness will be ~~more~~ dissipated, by a careful annealing.

I enclose a Bill, receipted in duplicate, for the Pots & Crucibles.

Should you find it correct, please

Send me a Check on one of the Philadelphia
Banks for the amount payable to my order
only, or authorize me to draw for the same
on Dr. Patterson, as you may deem expedient.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Yours, Chas. C. Smith.
Jas. H. Furness.

Richd. S. McCulloch, Esq.,
Mellor & Co. of the U.S. Mint.

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Barren Run - Tennessee - September 1 1848

To the Proprietors of the Philadelphia Mint

Gentlemen

I have lately discovered a vein of Silver & Gold. The vein is very promising so much so that I have concluded to have it mined. The same vein a fine three parcels of ore, some of them contain a much larger amount of Sulphur than some other specimens I send you an average specimen from the three openings which are very limited in depth & are only ~~thin~~ below the alluvials.

Each specimen has a letter on the envelope which I have registered in my Book. that if you will be so kind as to examine each specimen separately and to the letter ^{A, B, C} and accordingly I can then know which will pay best to mine.

The whole of them promise well but but have a sufficient knowledge of Chemistry to satisfy myself I hand them over to you for a full & satisfactory examination. One man I presume could mine out from them to 20 or 30 of the minerals per day in the state we have sent this.

I want you to if you please to give me the result of your investigation by the earliest opportunity. Please say how much the best specimen would be worth at the Mint in the state you receive these specimens. I want to know several barrels of the ore mined.

I find some of the specimens to contain more silver than others.

Yours very respectfully

Robert

James T. Bell

is it common to find much Sulphur associated with silver & gold. As

March

Sir

Through Adams's Express
you will receive
No 18 A parcel containing 154 say
one hundred & fifty four ten dollar pieces
which we request you to have coined into
United States currency returning same
to us as early as possible

We are

Sir
Very respectfully
Your obedient
Meyer Jackson

To the Director
of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

New York 13th Oct. 1848.

Mint of the United States

1 Sept. 1848

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. inquiring the value of the mints of gold bullion and gold dust, I have to report, state (in the absence of the Director) that the full value of all deposits made at the mints are carefully assayed and their full value as thus determined paid to the depositors. Of course as deposits vary very greatly in the quantity of pure metal which they contain the return to the depositor is affected by such variation.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

R. Patterson.

Sd

Richard Pollard
Warren Va

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office, Sept. 1, 1848.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1850, may be prepared at your office and transmitted to this, as early as convenient for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury, before Congress at the ensuing session. I would invite your particular attention to the second section of the act of 17th of June, 1844, ^{and to the Joint Resolution of the 7th January 1846,} relating to estimates to be laid before Congress.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper with margins of at least one inch in width, that the same may be bound in volumes in this office.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

Daniel C. Brainerd

Register of the Treasury.

Robert M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

To. US Mint - Philadelphia
Richard Pollard, Esq. Sept. 2, 1848
Warren, Va.

I was absent from the Mint
yesterday when your letter of the
24th ultimo was received and
answered. It is true that the
questions which you ask did not
admit of a specific answer but
I hope that your company may
be informed by the following notation.

Virgin Gold is remarkably
steady in fineness and after melting
is just worth about 75 per penny-
weight. The value of amalgam
say in the state of amalgam
or dust, is of course variable
to a deduction of 5% from the
above weight and would fluctuate.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

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Brooklyn Nov 12 1849
Mr R S McCulloch

Dear Sir I find I cannot be in
your city till next week I will give you for
the Silver Swaps Thirty Seven ³⁴ for Gold and
for the gold Swaps Thirty four ⁷⁷ do do
your early answer will oblige yours

Very Respectfully

your Ob Servant

Robt Longman

Silver Swaps - 37 34 P^{ce} 2
Gold do 34 77 do do

Paunton 28th 4. 1838.
James Ross from Mr. Ly.
Dear Mr. Ross.

Sir.

We have received
your favor of the 2nd inst.

We shall use all dispatch in
forwarding the remainder of your lost
ad for planchet, and also your
additional ad for 20 Tins, contained
in your letter of the 2nd inst.

Very Respectfully.

Your obt. Servt.

Geo. W. Ross.

U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I recd your letter of the 2nd inst, containing a statement of foreign gold coins sent per Adams & Co Express. I have also recd the amount therein stated, viz \$7,344.75, and have this day del^d to the same Co Adams & Co in American gold except \$100 in half dimes as requested by you.

Your deposit exceeded \$2⁵⁰ over the amount stated, being the Mint value & which surplus in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, I pass into the ordinary fund of the Mint, to be applied to the cost of transportation.

Very respy
Hon^{ble} Sec^y

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Acting U. S. Mint

W. H. Marriott Esq,
U. S. Depository,
at Baltimore

Sir,

Last summer I took the liberty of presenting myself to you with the object of offering you my services as a page and refined in the mind of your city. You had at the time no employment for me, but you made me hope that very probably in three months there would be an opening, for which you promised you would inform me. These three months appear to me now elapsed, and supposing that under the pressure of your numerous occupations my request had escaped your recollection, I write you to address you these lines, in order to reiterate to you my solicitations for a situation.

I understand that the business of the mint has greatly increased of late, which no doubt made the employment of additional hands necessary; I feel therefore encouraged to the hope, that you may have occasion to engage my services which I hold at your disposal for any occupation, by which you deem I may be able to be most useful to the establishment. I trust that the long experience and the thorough knowledge I possess in my profession, will enable me to give you full satisfaction.

My present situation here, besides being rather out of my line, is precarious, and as my wife has lately joined me from Europe, I feel the more desirous of finding such an employment as will secure to me a fixed and permanent support.

In the anxious expectation that you will favor me with a kind reply I remain Sir

Yours most respectfully

P. Van Voorst.

New York, 3. December 1842

Care of Mr. Huettenlocher in Van Ness
New York.

Philadelphia. Nov 6/48
J. R. Snowden Esq
Treasr U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Mr Jacob Stone
Cashier of Ocean Bank, Newburyport,
Mass, desired me to inform you,
when a vessel wld leave
for that place.

The John Jew,
Capt Hoyt, now lying at
the 2nd wharf above Chesnut
St, will leave for Newburyport,
on Thursday next.

Yrs respy

Geo. A. Wood

Min. of the United States,
Philad^a, November 1849.

Sir,
I beg leave to call your attention
to my Ballin Account for the 3d. quarter of
the present year, and in connexion therewith
to my letter of the 26th ult. in reply to one from
Mr. Clark, your predecessor, on that subject.
It is important that your action in this matter
should be made known to me as early as
day as may be practicable, not only on ac-
count of the transaction of the last quarter, but
because the accounting accounts of the current
quarter will be affected thereby. I have
reason to believe that an examination of
the subject, in connexion with the change,
referred to in my former letter as directed
by the Director of the Mint with the approba-
tion of the Secy. of the Treasury, will lead you
to the conclusion that no alteration is necessary
as to the form in which my acc. was presented.
and in order that you may have the whole
subject before you, I have deemed it proper
to transmit to you the account referred to, for
your action thereon. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
Wm. L. Smith, Esq.
150 Chestnut Street, Philad^a.

Minut of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct. 6, 1858.

Sir,

On the 20th ult., I had the honor to write and to
give a copy of claims made by ~~the~~ Capt. Eckfeldt
on the one part, and Miss Miller, Cabell and Giddis on the
other part, for the reward of \$500, offered by consent of
the Department, for the apprehension of Ransel Hutchinson.
This communication was accompanied by ^{a written} agreement of
the ~~claimants~~ ^{parties} to submit their claims to the opinion of
Judge Howe; and ^{to abide} by the award given by Judge Howe
in the case. To this award I asked for your approba-
tion. Permit me for again calling your attention to
this matter. The parties interested are anxious to
have the case finally settled.

R. M. P.

Esq.

W.
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. & Treasury.

Treasury Department
Nov. 8. 1848.

Sir

Your communications of the 20th ult^o
and 5th instant have been received and you are
authorised to pay the award offered for the arrest of
Randall Hutchinson (Wg. #500) in conformity with the
award of Judge Kane.

I am very Res^{ly}

P. Macker

Sec. of the Treasury.

P. R. W. Patterson
Philad^a.

Mont U.S. Ph^o Nov. 8, 1848

Dear Sir,
I have taken the liberty of
writing you a few lines
to let you know that
I am still in the city
and hope to be able to
see you soon.

Yours truly
Hon James Buchanan
Secretary of State

Mint, N. S. Phila. Nov. 2, 1848

To Hon.
J. Buchanan
Secretary of State
Washington

Dear Sir -

I have taken the liberty of sending
the enclosed letter to your department,
and I respectfully request that it
may be sent to Mr. John Parrott,
the U. S. Consul at Megallow. The
letter is our Page business connected
with the Mint.

I have the honor to be most
respectfully your faithful servant.
P M Patterson
Director

New York Oct 31. 1855.

Sir

We directed at the Mint, the
Mint Agents of Oct. 20. And please return to you
receipts No 52 & 255 - and send information, A & D
that the same were transmitted on the 27. inst.
Now you please send us the usual certificate,
or we are to surrender the above named receipts
before such certificates are issued - if so we will send
them by return mail -

Very respectfully,
Wm. A. R. Smith

Enclosed

To the Treasurer of the
Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia

Ocean Bank
Newburyport
October 31. 1848

James Ross Swenden Esq
Treasurer of the Bank

Dear Sir

I enclose my checks
on Comm. Bk. of Penn. for \$1000.
I would request you to ship me by the
first opportunity
\$200 in cents
500 in quarters
& 300 in dimes

Wm Geo. A. Wood of
Phil. will send you word when a vessel is ready;
Yours very respectfully,
Jacob Stone Cashier.

Please send me by sailing when the shipment is made

Statement of Foreign Gold coins sent per Messrs
Adams & Co Express to the United States Mail at
Philadelphia Dec. 2, 1846.

English	sent	per	
Dec 1	6237	3	5918 56
2	2622	18	2482 46
3	1003	12	949 31
Total			\$9,844.93

Baltimore Dec. 2nd 1846.

Received from Mr. W. M. Marshall Esq. Deputy
at Baltimore the above noted three sealed bags sent
to contain Foreign Gold coins amounting to \$9,844.93
which are to be delivered to the Treasurer of the United
States Mail at Philadelphia the same being
very expected.

Adams & Co

Deputy office

Baltimore Dec. 2, 1846.

Dr. Sir,

I have the honor to send you a statement of, and
Messrs Adams & Co receipt for three bags containing
English Gold coins amounting to the sum of nine
thousand, three hundred & forty nine & 3/4 dollars which
are to be delivered to you to be received. I am with
greatly to the many obligations that I am always under
to you by returning the amount to this office as soon

as possible, one hundred dollars in half dollars for change
and the balance in American gold coins.

I remain, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

By
James Ross Innes by
The Hon. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

W. A. Mainor
Secretary

To the Directors of W. & A. Bank
Philadelphia

O. L. & Co. Bank
Buffalo Oct 28th 1868

in answer to yr letter
of the 21st inst.

Dear Sir We wish \$2,000
Can you send us that
sum? If so, to whom shall we send a draft
for the same?

Yours respectfully
W. H. Jones
Pres.

Mr. Fisher has inquired at my one of the Paris
refiners, what are the prices for parting a
cannon of gold and silver. Some years ago (our
last information, there were two rates: 1. when
the mixed metal contained more than one-fourth of its
weight in gold, the price was 6.12 1/2 per kilogram
of the whole wt. 2. when the gold was less than
one-fourth, the charge was 3.25 per kilogram. - Also
please to ascertain whether the charges are uniform
in a long course of years, or whether they fluctuate.
He will please to make his inquiries in such a way
as not to lead to the belief that a competition is
contemplated in this country. - Early information
is very desirable.

Mr. Cress also to inquire (wherever than at
the refiners) what are the selling prices of sulphate
of copper, in large quantity.

The above inquiries were made of Mr. J. Fisher Esq.,
in a letter sent to him by Mr. Disraeli, Oct. 24, 1848.

Pittsburgh 24 Oct 1888

Tras. Nat. Hist. Mus.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you find 20
Dollars for One Thousand Dollars
for the plants and as amount in Cents.
The rest of the cash is enclosed and will
suggest your kind by Local Express -

Yours &c

P. H. Carter & Co
624 1/2 St. Pittsburgh

J. Prof. Snornden Esq
Treasurer &c

Dear Sir Above please find
a corrected invoice for Planchets sent
to you on the 13th inst

Yours respectfully J. A. R.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

26 Oct 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James K. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

The deposits at the Mint from 1 Mar 1845, to
30 Nov. 1848 were

Summary

From March 1845.	Bullion 633,320	Coins 2,397,829
1846.	705,668	2,927,191
1847.	596,293	14,037,384
Nov 30, 1848.	441,549	2,329,459
	<u>2,426,830</u>	<u>21,691,863</u>
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Deposits by officials		
which transfers	none	2,950,000 (4)
deposits without transfers	none	8,513,181 (4)
Total by officials	none	11,463,181
Total by various private depositors	2,426,830 (1)	<u>10,228,682 (2)</u>

Copper coinage in hand period 197,716
~~which transfers~~ ~~deposits~~ ~~2,426,830~~ (5)
21,691,863
24,260,686

Gold & silver — 23,822,065
23,964,058 (6)
24,019,781 (6)

Qu. I, Ans. \$2,426,830

Qu. II, Ans. \$10,228,682

Qu. III, Ans. \$8,513,181

Qu. IV, Ans. \$2,950,000 24,118,693

Qu. V, Ans. \$197,716, 100,000,000

Qu. VI, Ans. \$23,822,065. Great Schin

197,716 Copper
24,019,781 Total

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1848.

Sir,

In reply to the inquiries made in
your letter of the 28th ult., I have the ho-
nor to present the following statement, re-
garding the ^{deposits by} coinage at the Mint at Philadel-
phia, from the 1st of March 1848, to the 30th
of November 1848.

1. Bullion & plate deposited by individuals and
banks, including all persons holding no of-
ficial station \$ 2,426,830
2. Foreign coin received at the Mint de-
posited in the same manner 10,228,682
3. Amount in value deposited by officers of
the government without transfer 8,513,181
4. Amount coined under transfers made
by the government to the Mint 2,950,000
5. Amount in Copper coins 197,716
6. Total coinage at this Mint during
the period in question 24,019,781

Wm R Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
D. M. P.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

2^d Dec 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq^r

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New York 11 Dec 1847.

Director of the U.S. Mint.
Phil^a.

Sir,

Having heard many extravagant
and vague reports respecting specimens of
the California Gold already sent for
Coinage to the Mint; I beg (and most
respectfully) that I may know something
reliable to Enquire if large amounts
have reached your Department and whether
its quality for purposes is any way remark-
able?

The intense excitement upon this
subject is the only apology I can
offer you, for troubling you at this time.

With much respect
Yr Obedt Servt
Chas A. Gussy

Chas. A. Gussy

Paranton Dec: 1. 1878.
James Ross from the Esq.
Deas: M. J. Muntz.

Sir.
We are in receipt
of your favor of the 25th ult.
You will please ship the amount
of our money of 21st Oct. & 11th
Nov. to Messrs W. W. Woodbury
Boston.

Yours Resp^y
Geo. W. Woodbury

Mint Wch. Dec. 2, 1848.

Sir,

We will comply with your request for \$500
worth of keep-alives, in exchange for that value in
foreign coins, either of silver or gold, — but the former
will be preferred. In return, for the deposits, its
actual value, as ascertained by weight and assay, —
not by the Customhouse valuation, which is, in fact,
generally a little less than ours.

R. M. P.

Dr

To
Geo. A. Lister, Esq.

Mont. Wt. Sat. Dec. 1, 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult., in which you ask answer to a series of questions regarding the coinage at the Mint, from the 1st of March 1845 to the 30th of November 1848.

Immediate attention has been given to this subject, and the statements which you ask will be communicated as as early a day as practicable.

R. W. P.

G.

To
Hon. Mr. J. Walker,
Secy. Treasury.

Office. Auth. & Recd. R. R. C.
Worcester M. S. Nov 29. 1848

Sept. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Will you Exchange
for gold or any Foreign Coin at Custom house
value, Five hundred Dollars in half dimes —
Please advise me what kind of Coin I shall
send you in Exchange —

Very Resp^t

J. O. D. & C.

Geo. A. Seeto

Mr. J. R. Robinson

Dear Sir

Porter 29th Feb 1857

Bill covering lading of twenty nine Casks Copper
Coin, was duly recd.

The coin came to hand on the
29th ult. in consequence of an oversight having
not before acknowledged its receipt - the same
is placed to Credit Pro & Co's acmt

Respectfully yr

Wm. L. Galt

Wm. L. Galt

New York, Nov. 28th. 1893

My Dear Sir,

Of the following order
for the Charlotte Branch Mint, viz

12 Blk. D. pots No. 10

10 " " " 25

30 " " " 30

10 " " " 35

I shipped the 12 No. 10 from Philad.
about two weeks since.

I intended to ship the remainder from
New York.

I find however that I have no 30's
or 35's, neither are there any in the Market.
Of 25's I have only a quantity, of which
I will ship any number you may desire.

Believe me, Ever, Truly, Yours
for H. Farnum.

W. H. Patterson, Esq. A.D.
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Nov^r 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esq^r

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Sir,

Treasury Department
Nov. 28. 1848

You will please transmit to this Department,
at the earliest practicable period, the following statements.

- 1st How much bullion and plate, have been coined at the
Mint at Philadelphia, from the 1st of March 1845, to the
31st November 1848, deposited by individuals and banks,
including all persons holding no official stations.
- 2^d How much foreign coin has been received at the Mint
at Philadelphia, during the same period, deposited in the
same manner.
- 3^d The amount in value, coined during the same period,
at the Mint at Philadelphia, deposited by officers of
the Government. (which has for).
- 4th The amount coined during the same period at Phila-
delphia, under transfers made by the Government.
- 5th The coinage of the Mint at Philadelphia, during the
same period, derived from any other source, describing the
same.
- 6th The total amount of coinage during the same period at
Philadelphia.

D^r R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint, Philad^a.

Very respectfully,
J. M. McKen
Secretary of the Treasury

M. S. Mine,
Philad^a November 26, 1843.

Sir, I herewith forward you, the
weekly statement ending this day, with
showing the state of the Bullion and public
money deposited on the Mint. By the
Treasurer of the U. States.

Very respy,
Yours ob^d Serv^t,
(signed) Jas. Ross, M^ont^g
Treas.

496,115.30

(Wm. T. En
Green M^o S^t
Washington)

U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir, Your favor of the 23rd inst. is rec^d.
and also per Adams & Co. the amount of
foreign gold coins therein stated viz^t
\$50,000. Not having a sufficient
amount of American gold in my hands,
I cannot send today the whole amount.
I send per Adams & Co. in Eagles, as
requested, \$25,000; the balance I will
forward as soon as possible, say in
the early part of next week.

I am very very
Yours &c &c &c

(Signed) G. R. Smith
Treas.

Wm Henry Hubbard
Asst. Treas. U. S. Mint

DISSOLUTION.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of P. Hiler & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs will be closed by the undersigned, GEO. A. HOYT, who is authorized to collect all debts due to the late firm.

BELAH HILER,

J. Pop Sporden & Co.
New York

Above please find invoice for 8 bags Copper Plate
this day sent by Packet -
We should like the return of
the above as soon as convenient
Mr. H. will probably complete
the balance of the order
Respectfully Yours
Nov. 25 - 1848 C. Hiler & Co

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DISSOLUTION.

The Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of S. Hiler & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs will be closed by the undersigned, GEO. A. HOYT, who is authorized to collect all debts due to the late firm.

NEW-YORK, November 15, 1848.

S. HILER,

GEO. A. HOYT.

The business of manufacturing STAIR RODS and COPPER RIVETS, heretofore carried on by the late firm of S. Hiler & Co., will be heretofore conducted by the undersigned, at the same place, upon his own account.

NOVEMBER 15, 1848.

S. HILER,

No. 67 and 69 FORSYTH STREET.

W. J. M.
Nov. 25/68

Dear Sir, Recd. your letter of
the 23rd inst and also per Adams & Co
the amo of foreign gold coins there
stated, viz \$120,000

Very respt
Yours
(signed) John R. Snowden
Theodore

W
Hon. Wm. B. Bonds,
U. S. Sen. U. S.
N. Y.

Treasury Office
Boston Nov 23, 1848

James A. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Sir

Send by Adams Ex.

(\$50,000) Fifty thousand dollars in Foreign
Gold, Please return like amount in
Eagles -

Very Respectfully
Yours

Henry Hubbard
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston.

STATEMENT

ions of Coin, from the commencement of its operations, until the 31st of December, 18 , inclusive.

SILVER.				COPPER.				TOTAL.				Periods.
Total Silver Coinage.				Total Copper Coinage.				WHOLE COINAGE.				
Half-dimes.	Number.	Value.		Cents.	Half-cents.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.			
Pieces.	Pieces.	Dolla. Cts.		Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dolla. Cts.	Pieces.	Dolla. Cts.			
86,416	614,351	370,683 80		1,066,033	142,534	1,208,567	11,373 00	1,834,420	452,541 80			1793
												1794
												1795
10,230	116,097	79,077 50		974,700	115,480	1,090,180	10,324 40	1,219,370	192,129 40			1796
44,527	77,816	12,591 45		897,510	107,048	1,004,558	9,510 34	1,095,165	125,524 29			1797
-	355,086	330,291 00		979,700	-	979,700	9,797 00	1,368,241	545,698 00			1798
-	423,515	423,515 00		904,585	12,167	916,752	9,106 68	1,365,681	645,906 68			1799
24,000	266,480	224,296 00		2,822,175	211,530	3,033,705	29,279 40	3,337,972	571,335 40			1800
33,910	152,293	74,758 00		1,312,837	-	1,362,837	13,628 57	1,571,390	510,956 37			1801
13,010	95,545	58,343 00		3,435,100	14,366	3,449,466	34,422 83	3,615,869	516,075 83			1802
37,850	168,669	87,118 00		2,471,353	97,900	2,569,253	25,203 03	2,780,830	370,698 53			1803
-	191,092	100,340 50		756,838	1,055,312	1,812,150	12,844 94	2,046,839	371,827 94			1804
15,600	463,817	149,388 50		941,116	814,464	1,755,580	13,483 48	2,260,361	333,239 48			1805
-	1,045,760	471,319 00		348,000	356,000	704,000	5,260 00	1,815,409	801,084 00			1806
-	1,437,219	597,448 75		727,221	476,000	1,203,221	9,652 21	2,731,345	1,044,595 96			1807
-	1,368,600	684,300 00		1,109,000	400,000	1,509,000	13,090 00	2,935,888	982,055 00			1808
-	1,450,520	707,376 00		222,867	1,154,572	1,377,439	8,001 53	2,861,834	884,752 53			1809
-	1,282,631	638,773 50		1,458,500	215,000	1,673,500	15,660 00	3,056,418	1,155,868 50			1810
-	1,268,824	608,340 00		218,025	63,140	281,165	2,495 25	1,649,570	1,168,740 25			1811
-	1,628,059	814,029 50		1,075,500	-	1,075,500	10,755 00	2,761,646	1,115,219 50			1812
-	1,241,903	620,951 50		418,000	-	418,000	4,180 00	1,755,331	1,102,271 50			1813
-	1,460,575	561,687 50		357,830	-	357,830	3,578 30	1,833,859	642,535 80			1814
-	69,232	17,308 00		-	-	-	-	69,867	20,483 00			1815
-	67,153	28,575 75		2,820,982	-	2,820,982	28,209 82	2,888,135	56,785 57			1816
-	1,215,667	607,783 50		3,948,400	-	3,948,400	39,484 00	5,163,967	647,267 50			1817
-	2,321,496	1,070,454 50		3,167,000	-	3,167,000	31,670 00	5,537,084	1,345,064 50			1818
-	2,352,000	1,140,000 00		2,671,000	-	2,671,000	26,710 00	5,074,723	1,425,325 00			1819
-	1,821,153	501,680 70		4,407,550	-	4,407,550	44,075 50	6,492,509	1,864,786 20			1820
-	2,709,160	825,762 45		389,000	-	389,000	3,890 00	3,139,249	1,018,977 45			1821
-	1,722,653	805,806 50		2,072,339	-	2,072,339	20,723 39	3,813,788	915,509 89			1822
-	2,152,000	895,550 00		-	-	-	-	2,166,485	967,975 00			1823
-	3,504,954	1,752,477 00		1,262,000	-	1,262,000	12,620 00	4,786,894	1,858,297 00			1824
-	3,621,166	1,564,583 00		1,461,100	63,000	1,524,100	14,926 00	5,178,760	1,735,894 00			1825
-	4,004,180	2,002,090 00		1,517,425	234,000	1,751,425	17,514 25	5,771,121	2,225,225 25			1826

1828	-	28,029	-	28,029	140,145 00	-	3,075,400	102,000	125,000	-	6,712,400	2,869,200 00	2,357,732	-	2,357,732	23,577 32	9,097,845	5,024,342 32	1827
1829	-	57,442	3,403	60,845	295,717 50	-	3,712,156	-	770,000	1,227,000	3,302,300	1,575,600 00	2,860,624	606,000	2,866,624	25,636 24	6,106,853	1,741,381 24	1828
1830	-	126,351	4,540	130,891	643,105 00	-	4,784,800	-	510,000	1,344,000	5,712,156	1,994,578 00	1,414,500	487,000	1,901,500	16,580 00	7,674,501	2,306,875 50	1829
1831	-	140,594	4,520	145,114	714,270 00	-	5,573,660	398,000	771,350	1,344,000	6,514,800	2,405,400 00	1,711,500	-	1,711,500	17,115 00	8,387,101	3,155,820 00	1830
1832	-	157,487	4,400	161,887	798,435 00	-	4,787,000	320,000	522,500	96,000	6,604,100	2,579,000 00	2,362,000	-	2,362,000	23,620 00	9,128,987	3,401,055 00	1831
1833	-	193,630	4,160	197,790	978,550 00	-	5,206,000	156,000	485,000	1,97,000	8,813,004	3,415,002 00	1,855,100	154,000	2,893,000	28,160 00	10,307,790	3,765,710 00	1832
1834	-	732,169	117,370	849,539	3,954,270 00	-	6,412,004	286,000	635,000	1,18,000	7,217,000	2,759,000 00	2,739,000	120,000	1,975,100	19,151 00	11,637,643	7,388,423 00	1833
1835	-	371,534	131,402	502,936	2,186,175 00	-	5,352,006	1,952,000	1,410,000	2,760,000	11,474,006	3,443,003 00	3,878,000	141,000	4,019,400	39,489 00	15,996,342	5,668,667 00	1834
1836	-	553,147	547,986	1,101,133	4,135,700 00	1,000	6,546,200	472,000	1,190,000	1,900,000	10,108,200	3,606,100 00	3,111,000	395,000	2,509,900	23,100 00	13,719,333	7,764,900 00	1835
1837	-	207,121	45,080	252,201	1,148,305 00	-	3,629,820	252,400	1,042,000	2,275,000	7,209,220	2,096,010 00	5,558,300	-	5,558,300	55,583 00	13,010,721	3,299,598 00	1836
1838	7,200	286,588	47,030	340,818	1,622,515 00	-	3,546,000	832,000	1,992,500	2,255,000	8,625,500	2,293,000 00	6,370,200	-	6,370,200	63,702 00	15,336,518	3,979,217 00	1837
1839	38,848	118,143	27,021	183,412	1,040,747 50	300	3,334,561	491,146	1,053,115	1,069,150	5,948,272	1,949,136 00	3,128,661	-	3,128,661	31,286 61	9,260,345	3,021,170 11	1838
1840	47,338	137,382	18,839	203,579	1,207,437 50	61,005	1,435,008	188,127	1,358,580	1,344,085	4,386,805	1,028,603 00	2,462,700	-	2,462,700	24,627 00	7,053,084	2,860,667 50	1839
1841	63,131	15,833	-	78,964	710,475 00	173,000	310,000	120,000	1,622,500	1,120,000	3,375,500	577,750 00	1,597,367	-	1,597,367	15,973 67	5,051,851	1,304,198 67	1840
Total	283,509	4,491,230	995,010	5,775,299	27,331,315 00	1,674,822	9,652,362	7,322,302	15,555,775	22,527,478	114,957,795	34,683,681 90	89,430,030	7,440,713	96,870,743	931,502 86	247,604,501	83,446,700 16	Total
1842	81,507	27,271	2,823	111,901	960,017 50	124,618	2,012,760	88,000	1,887,500	815,000	1,987,882	1,442,100	2,383,390	-	2,383,390	23,833 90	7,413,180	2,426,351 00	1841
Total	370,016	4,519,358	997,833	5,887,207	28,779,152 50	1,859,440	9,853,326	7,411,302	17,445,295	24,342,478	116,945,811	36,126,181 90	91,813,420	7,440,713	99,254,133	955,337 76	255,017,181	85,873,052 16	Total
1843	75,462	611,205	100,346	787,213	4,062,010 00	165,180	3,544,000	645,600	1,370,000	1,165,000	7,109,100	2,443,750 00	2,426,320	-	2,426,320	24,263 20	10,440,523	6,530,003 20	1842
Total	445,478	5,130,563	1,098,379	6,674,420	32,853,542 50	2,024,620	10,397,326	8,056,902	22,116,295	25,527,478	157,135,511	58,569,931 90	94,241,740	7,440,713	101,682,453	979,620 96	265,492,414	92,403,005 36	Total
1844	63,61	340,370	67,34	353,515	1,782,420 00	20,000	1,766,000	421,200	72,000	43,000	2,709,700	1,037,052 00	2,397,752	-	2,397,752	23,977 52	5,460,967	2,843,407 52	1843
Total	451,839	5,470,933	1,165,163	7,027,935	34,635,962 50	2,044,620	11,163,326	8,478,102	22,188,295	25,957,478	159,845,241	59,606,981 90	96,639,492	7,440,713	104,080,205	1,003,598 48	270,953,351	95,246,542 88	Total
1845	26,153	407,099	91,051	534,303	2,574,652 50	24,500	589,000	922,000	1,705,000	1,506,000	4,854,500	803,200 00	3,894,804	-	3,894,804	38,948 04	9,283,607	3,416,000 52	1844
Total	477,992	5,878,032	1,256,214	7,562,238	37,210,615 00	2,069,120	11,752,326	9,400,102	23,893,295	27,463,478	164,699,741	60,410,181 90	100,534,296	7,440,713	107,975,009	1,014,546 52	280,236,958	98,663,343 40	Total
1846	20,095	395,942	21,598	437,635	2,224,655 00	110,600	2,210,000	510,000	31,300	27,000	2,388,900	1,347,800 00	4,120,800	-	4,120,800	41,208 00	7,447,305	3,623,443 00	1845
Total	498,087	6,273,974	1,277,812	8,000,873	39,435,270 00	2,179,720	13,962,326	9,910,102	24,004,595	27,733,478	167,088,641	61,758,081 90	104,655,096	7,440,713	112,500,809	1,055,992 52	297,493,260	102,286,786 40	Total
1847	8,622,664	910,781	24,814	1,311,859	13,296,090 00	140,750	1,156,000	734,000	245,000	127,000	3,549,750	940,450 00	6,183,669	-	6,183,669	61,836 69	11,505,278	14,348,366 69	1846
Total	1360,351	7,203,755	1,247,626	9,511,732	52,741,350 00	2,320,390	15,118,326	10,644,102	24,250,095	28,010,478	171,138,391	62,748,211 90	110,838,765	7,440,713	118,279,478	1,167,529 24	308,992,738	116,635,153 14	Total
1848	145,484	260,775	88,86	415,145	2,780,930 00	15,000	580,000	146,000	451,500	668,000	18,605,000	4,200,000 00	6,407,999	-	6,407,999	64,079 99	12,153,277	14,993,366 69	1847
Total	1505,835	7,464,530	1,336,486	9,926,877	55,522,280 00	2,335,390	15,698,326	10,790,102	24,701,595	28,678,478	179,343,391	66,948,211 90	117,246,765	7,440,713	125,687,478	1,231,609 24	321,146,105	162,628,519 83	Total

TABULAR
Of the amount of Coinage at the Mint of the United States, in the several denominations.

Periods.	GOLD.					SILVER.				
	Eagles.	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Total Gold Coinage.		Dollars.	Half-dollars.	Quarter-dollars.	Dimes.	H.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Number.	Value. Dols. Cts.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	
1793	2,795	8,707	—	11,502	71,485 00	204,791	323,144	—	—	—
1794										
1795										
1796	6,934	6,196	963	14,093	102,737 50	72,920	3,918	5,894	22,135	—
1797	8,823	3,609	859	13,291	103,422 50	7,776	—	252	25,261	—
1798	7,974	24,867	614	33,455	205,610 00	327,536	—	—	27,550	—
1799	17,483	7,451	480	25,414	213,285 00	423,515	—	—	—	—
1800	25,965	11,622	—	37,587	317,760 00	220,920	—	—	21,760	—
1801	29,254	26,006	—	55,260	422,570 00	54,454	30,289	—	34,640	—
1802	15,090	53,176	2,612	70,878	423,310 00	41,650	29,890	—	10,975	—
1803	8,979	33,506	423	42,908	258,377 50	66,064	31,715	—	33,040	—
1804	9,795	30,475	3,327	43,597	258,642 50	19,570	156,519	6,738	8,265	—
1805	—	33,183	1,781	34,964	170,367 50	321	211,722	121,394	120,780	—
1806	—	64,093	1,616	65,709	321,505 00	—	839,576	206,124	—	—
1807	—	84,093	6,812	90,905	437,495 00	—	1,051,576	220,643	165,000	—
1808	—	55,578	2,710	58,288	284,665 00	—	1,368,600	—	—	—
1809	—	33,875	—	33,875	169,375 00	—	1,405,810	—	44,710	—
1810	—	100,287	—	100,287	501,435 00	—	1,276,276	—	6,355	—
1811	—	99,581	—	99,581	497,905 00	—	1,203,644	—	65,180	—
1812	—	58,987	—	58,987	290,435 00	—	1,628,059	—	—	—
1813	—	95,428	—	95,428	477,140 00	—	1,241,903	—	—	—
1814	—	15,454	—	15,454	77,270 00	—	1,039,075	—	421,500	—
1815	—	635	—	635	3,175 00	—	—	69,232	—	—
1816	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,150	20,003	—	—
1817	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,215,567	—	—	—
1818	—	48,588	—	48,588	242,940 00	—	1,960,322	361,174	—	—
1819	—	51,723	—	51,723	258,615 00	—	2,208,000	144,000	—	—
1820	—	263,806	—	263,806	1,319,030 00	—	751,122	127,444	942,587	—
1821	—	34,641	6,448	41,089	189,325 00	—	1,305,797	216,851	1,186,512	—
1822	—	17,796	—	17,796	88,980 00	—	1,559,573	64,080	100,000	—
1823	—	14,485	—	14,485	72,425 00	—	1,694,200	17,800	440,000	—
1824	—	17,340	2,600	19,940	93,200 00	—	3,504,954	—	—	—
1825	—	29,060	4,434	33,494	156,385 00	—	2,943,166	168,000	510,000	—
1826	—	18,069	760	18,829	92,245 00	—	4,004,180	—	—	—
1827	—	24,613	9,900	34,513	171,555 00	—	—	—	—	—

(Private)

W. L. Mitchell, Dec. 27, 1845.

Sir,

I am able at last to send you the enclosed report. It has been delayed by the great anxiety of our Observers to make their results of undoubted accuracy. The yield of the black sand was so excessive as to alarm ^{them}, but ^{their} ^{own} ^{anxiety} - must have been greatly removed by the ^{important} report of Capt. Fildes.

I beg you to ^{submit} my official letter of this date for that of the 21st, and the report of Messrs. Colquhoun and Dalrymple, for that of Mr. Colquhoun sent before. So that you will please to retain only the report of Prof. Borth.

R. M. P.

Wm. W. L. Macey,
Secy. War.

I herewith transmit

If it is desired to know how this ore compares with what is obtained ~~elsewhere~~ from the most celebrated mines of quicksilver in the world. I have to show that not having had occasion to determine that question by our own trials, we find upon the authority of books, that the mines of Almaden in Spain, yield on an average ten per cent. ^{of pure metal} the process is so to be very wasteful; at Idria, ores containing only one per cent. are worked, altho' they are found in all grades ~~from~~ of proportions, from that low percentage up to eighty.

I need hardly add that the importance of the discovery in California is greatly enhanced by the nearness of a constant absorbing market; large quantities of quicksilver being required for the amalgamation of gold & silver ores in Mexico, ^{where} ~~where~~ there are no mercurial mines.

San Francisco, Cal. 21 Oct 1895

Sir,

I have already had the honor of answering in part the questions asked in your letter of the 8th inst., regarding the specimens of gold, platinum, and cinabar from California, which you sent to the U.S. Nat. Museum. I now have the satisfaction of communicating further information in the subsequent reports, furnished to me by Mr. J. R. Cook, Chief Assayer of the Mint, and Professor Geo. B. Booth, a distinguished chemist of this city. These reports as to the quality of the cinabar are very satisfactory, and should be of valuable use to your department. My consulting authorities on the subject at present, did the mines of Almaden and Potosi, yield on the average ten per cent of mercury, and at Idria was containing only one per cent, in fact, although they was found in all proportions, from that low per cent up to 80. The importance of that discovery in California is greatly enhanced by the existence of a constant and absorbing market. Large quantities of mercury being required for the amalgamation of silver used in Mexico.

Rm.P.

S. J.
Mr. W. L. Mary
San Francisco
Washington

The reports regarding the gold and platinum in the state of California, and the results of the investigation.

Mr. S. Munt

Washington

Sir, I herewith forward you
the quarterly statement ending this day,
showing the state of the Bullion and
public money deposited in the Mint,
by the Treasury of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

(signed) Jas. R. Snowden
Treas.

Wm. Selden Esq.
Treasurer of the United States
(Washington)

Assay Office, U. S. Mint,
December 26. 1848.

Sir,

The specimen of native cinnabar from California, forwarded to the Mint by the Secretary of War, has been examined here, as to its ~~product~~^{transverse} yield in metallic mercury. Taking a ~~section~~^{transverse} section of the ore, which included the red, white, and brown layers, the red predominating, ^{there was} obtained by the process of distillation, thirty-one per cent. of mercury. The portion treated might be considered as a favorable working specimen, ~~the parts of the same lump would have afforded better or worse results.~~

Some inquiries which were made in respect to the substances accompanying the gold of California, may here be replied to. — First, as to the platinum. This metal is evidently present,

and can be seen with the naked eye, amongst the shingles of gold, and in a similar form. A small quantity (about four grains in weight) ^{was} forwarded from the War Department, and was found to be of the specific gravity of 18; being of course debased somewhat by the intimate mixture of mineral matter, not removable by ^{the} washing. I have not yet determined accurately what amount of this metal appears with the gold deposited for ~~any~~ coinage. Owing partly to its known intractability in the furnace, and partly to its crude condition, it is scarcely at all fused with the gold, but is to be seen, after the melting, in its original form, dotted upon the surface of the gold bars. What does enter into combination with the gold, is scarcely appreciable, and does not disturb the assay, or deteriorate the metal for coining or manufacturing purposes; and this ^{was} a material point of inquiry. Taking it all together, whether fused or not, ~~our~~ present impression is, that it exists in but small relative quantity, and will not be worth seeking after, for its own sake.

Next, as to other alloying metals: it may be said, that practically the only alloy of this gold, is silver; of which, ^{we find,} ~~it found,~~ on the average, 104 parts in a thousand. The gold yielding 894, there ^{is a remainder of} ~~is a remainder of~~ ^{two} thousandths, which is nearly or entirely copper. A trace of iridium was manifest upon some of the cornets; but ^{we} ~~we~~ have reason to believe it is a trace only.

In the last place, ^{we} ~~we~~ have to mention an examination of some samples of ~~the~~ sand in which the ^{intermixed with gold,} ~~gold is found,~~ also forwarded by the War Department. Of this there were two parcels. The first, weighing in all about $8\frac{1}{2}$ pennyweights, was first reduced in bulk by removing the ^{grains of} magnetic iron, and then subjected to ^{a smelting in the small way,} cupellation. The result of the whole treatment was as follows:

Gold,	9.8 parts in a thousand.
Silver, combined with	1.2
the gold	}
Protoxide of iron,	597.2
(magnetic)	
Residue, consisting of	390.8
chiefly peroxide of iron	
selected small	1000.0

This would be equal to 68.75 grains fine gold, or 77.07 grains of gold of native fineness, in a pound avoirdupois of the sand.

The other parcel was treated in two ways, both differing from the former. First, we took a specific quantity weighed by millipamones (equal to about $11\frac{1}{2}$ dwts.) and having cleansed it by the magnet, subjected the remainder to a ~~rough~~ thorough amalgamation, ~~of course without reference to expense of materials.~~ The amount of ^{fine} gold obtained, was 12.44 parts per thousand. - Again, the same quantity ^{of sand} was carefully washed, (more time being taken to do than would be likely to pay, in a large operation,) and there resulted 12.05 parts of fine gold, per thousand. - To give expellation its due credit, we must remark, that this second parcel was evidently the richest, to the eye. The specific gravity of the black sand, without the gold, is 4.44, nearly the same as that of ^{simple} magnetic iron.

Now for these results may be interesting to the public, or important to the miner, it is not easy to say. If it were the true state of the case, that there was nothing to do but to shovel up an auriferous sand, which by proper treatment would yield one thousand to twelve hundred dollars a bushel, this would indeed be as startling a disclosure as any which has emanated from Californian soil. But what we had reason to believe, in reference to this matter, is confirmed by an official letter of Capt. Polson, published in the Washington Union

of the 23rd inst., from which we beg to extract a few lines. - "The fine gold ~~with the sand~~ causes it to remain behind." [Pencil marks: "The fine gold" and "causes it to remain behind"]

It thus appears that the obtaining of this rich sand is almost the last of concentric operations, and that our experiments upon it, although curious, and of value as far as they go, afford no definite indication of the richness of the mining ground; since it does not appear how many pans full, or ^{bushels} east loads, of the original earth, must have been wrought upon, to obtain a given quantity of this black sand. - Moreover, it is well known, that no mode of treatment, however skilful and scientific, has so far enabled gold-miners to make a near approach, in a large operation, to the result obtained by a delicate assay; that is, not without its costing more than it would be worth. -

There are so many ^{conditions} ~~circumstances~~ to be weighed, such a difference of ~~composition~~ composition in layers or masses of the same sand even at short intervals of space, and such a choice in the adaptation of

extracting process, that no opinion should be
ventured, from slight materials, as to the proper
productiveness, or the probable permanency, of the
mining interest in that remarkable region.

With great respect
your faithful servt.

Jacob R. Eckfeldt,
Assayer.

William E. DuBois,
Asst. Assayer.

The Director of the Mint.

Dear Sir
Moorfield Hardy Esq. Dec^r 25th 1848

I have discovered a ~~mass~~ of stuff
which is inclosed in a piece of paper this is matter
it runs in veins in a slate rock the veins
is about one inch thick there is a great quantity
of it ⁱⁿ the rock which may be separated
very easily by washing it in water there is
a quantity of sulphur raised in the veins it
is in a small stream of water I wish you
to try it if there is a sufficient quantity and
if not I wish you to send me word
whether you think it is worth coming to
see about if you please I deem it unnecessary
to say any more about it as it may be found
in abundance I would like for you to send
me word ~~how~~ to manage it if it should
be of any account if you please. I would have
paid the postage on this letter but I did ^{not} want
it to get spread about before I saw whether it
was of any account or not. James B. Smith

Worcester Dec. 23. 1868.

Dear Doctor.

I thank you for your kind explanation of
the denomination.

With you let me know what size taken inside
of the pattern of the necklace, round case.

At the first wishes of the donors. Yours truly

A. D. B. B. B.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Stimulate

1 Pair of dies handcut & polished
complete. \$25.

6 Fine Silver medals C. D. 12.
\$37

Also dies with Hints on engraving.
Number of Medals.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23^d Dec 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

W. Selden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

To

Is S. Oldfield Jr.
Baltimore

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Dec. 23, 1848.

Sir - In answer to your letter
of yesterday I have to state that
we cannot now furnish dimes
and half dimes at the Mint
except in return for deposits
in silver bullion or foreign
silver coins.

Respectfully

R M Patterson
Director

July 23, 1948

Dr. ...
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g. L. off Oldfield pi
Baltimore

W. S. Muntz,
Philad^a December 23rd 1848

Sir, I forward you, herewith,
the weekly statement ending this
day with a cancelled voucher,
showing the state of the Public
and public money deposited in the
Treasury, by the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt^{ly}

(signed) J. R. Thompson,
Treasurer.

War Department
Washington December 22^d. 1848

Sir,

Your private note of yesterday has come to hand, and in reply to it I have to state that I am not able to give much information in relation to the phial of black sand which I sent to you. It is described in Colonel Mason's letter to be "sand found in washing gold which contains small particles." The label accompanying the specimen is of precisely the same import. I have three other specimens of the black sand. One of them appears to have less gold mixed with it than in that you have. It was not accompanied by any description. There is also another quantity with a larger mixture, and a 3^d appears to be nearly a third part gold. The two first were taken from the "Mormon diggings," and the third from the "North fork of the American Fork." The foregoing is all the information I can give you on the subject.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient
C. L. Mercey
Secretary of War

J. R. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. From a further examination of the specimens I find one marked No. 6, described as "sand from which the gold separated." I have directed this to be carefully separated, and sent herewith.

Philadelphia, 1848

DEPOSITES.

Gold.					Silver.				Total.
U. S. Coins, Old Standard.	Foreign Coins.	U. S. Bullion.	Foreign Bullion.	TOTAL.	Foreign Coins.	Foreign Bullion.	U. S. Bullion.	TOTAL.	Gold and Silver.
Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
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445	13033227	35640	3149	12161627	700234	2360	704	1026634	19218511
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COINAGE.

1935

Gold.				Silver.						Copper.			Total.	
Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Half cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Doll. Cts.	Pieces.	Doll. Cts.

United States Mint

COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR MIDDLE WARD, FOR 1848.

Philadelphia, June 26th, 1848.

Dr. To SIMON HUDGE,

No. 346, High Street.

Office, No. 11, South Eleventh St.

	RATES.	COUNTY.	STATE.	POOR.	TOTAL.
		50 cts per \$100.	30 cts per \$100.	18 cts per \$100.	
<i>Ward on Chestnut St.</i>	<i>80.00</i>	<i>40.00</i>	<i>24.00</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>\$158.00</i>

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R. M. Palmer

To - J. R. Eckfeldt, Assayer U.S. Mint
U.S. Mint Philadelphia Pa.
Dec. 22, 1868

Dear Sir -

I will thank you to afford me an opportunity of correcting or revising my report to you of yesterday upon the California gold metals, particularly that part which relates to the gold in which a marked B is found. This was contained in the vial marked B and not spoken of in the letter to the Secretary of. We had an impression from inquiries of Colonel Cooper that this was readily had been used by the gold and thrown aside and this impression was strengthened by the appearance of the portions analyzed but upon further consideration and especially upon examinations of what remained in the vial we concluded that this must be the gold anywhere different but - it is very desirable to make another experiment upon that which seems to be richer than the part which has been treated. My investigation will be concluded as early as possible and I shall then offer you a report to be substituted for the other which I desire may be cancelled.

Very respectfully
Jacob R. Eckfeldt

To the Director of the Mint
Sir - Perhaps may be in the power of the Secretary of War to state definitely

Confidential

New York 29th December 1848

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

We contemplate
an arrangement with Dr. J. H. Janney, with
whom we believe you are well acquainted - the
testimonials which this Gentleman has exhibited,
and among them, one from yourself, are of a
high character - but as the mission which we
have in view, is one of entire trust, we take
the liberty of asking the favor of your opinion,
not only of the capacity of Dr. Janney, but
also, whether we may rest with entire confidence
in his character and trustworthiness. We are
thus particular in our enquiries, because, in
making an engagement such as we propose

with D. Fairbanks we desire that it shall be
one of mutual confidence - and you may be
assured that you will be considered
by us as strictly confidential.

Very truly
Respectfully yours
Howard L. Seymour

To,
Lewis Fuchtwanger
New York.

W. L. Mount
Philad. Dec. 21 1868.

Sir - Our specimen of platinum from
California was composed of a few
spangles of this metal weighing to
about 4 grains. It is of course out
of my power to comply with your
request.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson

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J. Lewis Penckthorpe
New York

New York Dec 20. 1848
J. R. Patterson M.D.
Director U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir

Presuming that Platinum in its crude state will now be deposited in the Mint or may be obtained by the separation of Gold, I would beg you to spare me a few ounces of such residue or any other crude Platinum ore for the purpose of analysis in order to ascertain whether the same contains any Osmium Iridium & what percentage.

Should you have any on hand, I will please to send me per express whatever I can spare & I will pay a dollar for charges.

Respectfully Yours

L. F. Feuchtwanger

Lewis Feuchtwanger

To - U.S. Mint Phila
Dec. 24, 1868
Dr. Jos. W. Farnsworth
New York
(Private)
Dear Sir - I have received
your letter of the 18th inst.
and it has induced me to
write a private letter to the
Secretary of the Treasury
urging action without delay.
I will lose no time
in giving you any information
that I may receive in the
case.
Very truly yrs,
R. M. Patterson
Director

(Private)

Dear Sir,

Feb 20th 1848

(C. A. M., L. G., A. N., H., ...)

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James Rogers & Co. New York
Dec 19. 1858.

Dear Mr. May.

Sir.

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 14th inst. -
We take this opportunity to say, that
owing to the large amount of plans
furnished you for some time past, in exchange
for coin, & to our not selling ^{the coin} below the
par value, we find - after supplying the
regular demand in our large cities - that our
stock for gradual accumulation, is now
quite large.

Under these circumstances, having invested
upwards of \$20,000. in coin, we should feel
much relieved by your cashing several
of our invoices, at your convenience, instead of
increasing our present stock of coin.

Please write us, at your convenience, on
the subject -

Yours truly

J. M. May

James Rogers & Co.
New York

Mr. F. Mintz,
Philadelphia December 17, 1848.

Gentlemen,

I have copies of the 11th and 12th, covering a receipted invoice for 18 Reg. copies of planchets, Mr. Park Girarde, which has not yet arrived. Please inform me, by return of mail, to whom you wish payment made, for the invoice of Nov. 18th Dec. 2nd and ~~also~~ for the Mr. Park Girarde, as I desire to settle for them before the close of the quarter.

Very respy,
Yours obedt. ser^t

(Signed)
Mr. R. P. Snowden

Private

New York, Dec. 18th. 1848.

My Dear Sir, I have just received
a letter from Col. Benton, of which the
following is a copy.

Washington City, Dec. 16th. 1848.

Dear Sir,
Your letter of yesterday is
just received, and in answer to it I have to
assure you of the great pleasure I should
take in promoting your application if the
place you mention is still vacant; but I
know enough of removals to know that the
successor is generally provided before the vacancy
is made.

If this fact I would suggest to you to turn
your views towards California, where there
must soon be a Mint, even without law,
if none is passed by Congress.

I send you a Map & Memoir of California
& Oregon which will give the best information
upon that region.

Yours truly, Thomas H. Benton.

I have just received
 your letter of the 10th inst.
 in relation to the proposed
 appointment of a person
 to the position of
 Secretary of the
 Board of Education.
 I have been thinking
 of this matter for some
 time, and have been
 somewhat undecided
 as to whether or not
 to accept of the
 appointment. I have
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Howland & Aspinwall have made a proposal to me to go to California on their account, partly.
 I have declined entertaining any proposition, ^{however} until I know the result of the application for New Orleans.
 When the appointment is determined, you will please ^{as soon as convenient} communicate the result, whether favourable to me or not.
 Believe me, Dear Sir,
 Yours,
 Wm. H. Garrison.
 Mr. R. M. Patterson,
 Director of the Hotel.

Private.

New York, Dec. 15th. 1848.

My Dear Sir,

I feel very grateful for what you have done in my behalf, as intimated in your letter of yesterday.

I have written to Col. Benton, Mr. Calhoun & Gov. M^r Dowell ^{soliciting} ~~requesting~~ their influence in my behalf. I have also requested Dr. Drake, Dr. Hoare, & Prof. Henry to write to the Secretary of the Treasury. Should I succeed, I shall be able to leave for New Orleans immediately.

Believe me, Ever,

Truly Yours,

W. H. Garrison.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Director of the Mint.

U. S. Mint, March 16, 1845

Dear Sir,

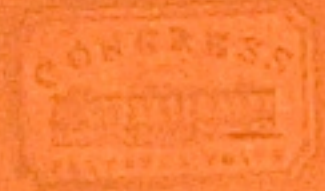
The gold coin yielded, two
dollars and seventy cents (2.70) above your
statement, but the silver coin produced ~~but~~
one dollar and forty nine cents (1.49)
less than the amount stated. accordingly
your appropriate estimate falls short, the
amount stated, of one dollar
and seventy nine cents. I forwarded
to day for Adams & Co. the amount
of your deposit \$3,994.86.

I have the coin you require
except the dollar coin, but having on
hand any of the denominations, I sent
the sum \$3,000 in half dollars.

The statement showing the detailed
value of the deposit in detail, were
given to Mr. W. Adams & Co.

(Very Respectfully)

Wm. B. Bond



Washington Dec. 18. 1846.
Dear Sir,

If your list is not made out of order for
the amount of pay in the mint, will it be possible to
send Puffin Johnson of Middleton County.

Mr. Whitcomb of the N. Y. Cap. sent him to say
to ask that I would place Prof. Johnson before you,
I do so with the desire if it may be that he
shall be one of your nominees. You know him as
a chemist & Mr. H. speaks highly of him as a
gentleman & scholar.

Truly
Yours
Wm. R. Patterson A. D. D. B. L.

Treasury of the United States
Decem^r 15th 1848

Sir

I have this day issued two transfer Drafts in favor of
the Treasurer of the United States, Viz.
No 750, on the Treasurer of the Mint at Phil^a for \$100,000 on Bullion U.S.
No 760, on the Assistant Treasurer at Phil^a for \$100,000 both of
which payable in American Gold Coin.

I am respectfully

Your Obedt Serv^t

W. F. Allen

Treasurer U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint

at Philadelphia

44,177

as Treasurer of the Fund, remain so long
unsettled is a source of deep anxiety to me.
Permit me once more to ask your
attention to the subject, at your earliest convenience.
I am satisfied that your other pressing duties,
which I know are of an onerous and laborious
character have prevented your earlier attention
to the subject. But the near approach of the
close of the year renders a settlement
of my accounts of the first importance.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Dear Sir, &c.

(Signed)
James Ross Norton
Treasurer.

Hon. J. W. Caldwell }
St. Committee)

363.02 2 1/2 ahs Gold dust
to be deposited in U S Mint
Phil^a a Certificate to be ret^d
to order Mrs Hilton Boston -

If you can get the Coin immediately
Mr H would like it if not return
the Certificate forthwith as Mr
H wants to convert it into Cash

Damon

Boston Dec 15/48

Have the little kids ret^d.

Salem 14 Dec

J. Edelman Esq

I send you yesterday 545 of
of dent & now send 2 boxes
containing 433 of which
ready when deliver Miss
Hendersons in this order
& oblige R. Frookham

Taunton Dec 14. 1858.

James Robt from Mr. G.

Dear Sir: Dec 16.

Amount due
bill of 18 hys planchets, shipped
to Bank of Boston, amount
to \$1.382 ⁴⁰ - I enc.

Yours Respectfully

Geo. W. P. Jr.

Coinage of 1848.

[illegible]

(Private.)

Wm. M. M. Phil
Dec. 17/48

Sir,

The results of the examination which
we have made of the gold from California
have been reported to the Secretary of the
Treasury, and he will no doubt commu-
nicate them to the public without
delay. I fear that it might be
considered a breach of official con-
fidence were I to communicate
if I were to anticipate his ac-
tion in this respect.

Your obedient servant
Wm. M. P.

Chas. A. Conley Esq
New York

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 13, 1848.

Sir,

I have ^{just} understood that Dr. J. L. Ridgell has been removed from his office of ^{mint refiner} Muller & Refiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. I beg leave to recommend, through you, to the President, an individual to fill the place, for whom entire confidence, respectability and fidelity, I can confidently pledge myself. This gentleman is Dr. Joseph W. Farnum, now resident in New York. In March 1837, Dr. Farnum, then Professor of Chemistry in Washington College Virginia, was appointed, by Gen. Jackson, Assayer of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega; an office which required of him also the duties of Muller & Refiner. This place he filled, ~~he filled~~ for several years, to entire satisfaction, when, to my regret, he resigned, and the Mint lost his valuable services; to be replaced, ^{however,} as I sincerely hope, in another quarter.

I send enclosed a recommendation in favor of Dr. Farnum, by the Assayer of the Mint, who had, in ^{their} official the discharge of their official duties, constant opportunities of judging of his skill and accuracy, both as Assayer and Muller & Refiner. That no time may

be lost, I confine myself, at present, to these
short testimonials. But if others are needed they
can be readily obtained.

R.M.W.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 12, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., brought by Lieut. Charles Cooper, with specimens of gold, platinum, and cinabar from California.

Col. Cooper has returned to you with ^{all} the information immediately required as to ^{the} parcels of gold which you sent. Our operations on a still larger deposit, from the same region, have led to the following results, which I have reported to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The fineness of the California gold varied from 892 to 897 thousandths; the average of the whole being 894. This is nearly equal to the standard of our coin, which is 900. The average value, per ounce Troy, of the bullion before melting, is \$18.05 $\frac{1}{2}$; that of the same in bars after melting is \$18.48.

Your instructions with regard to the gold shall be carefully attended to.

The ~~specimens~~ ^{specimens} of ~~gold~~ ^{platinum} grains which you sent marked Platinum, ~~is~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{found to be} ~~useful~~ ^{useful} of this metal, ~~as is found~~ ^{by the} ~~high~~ ^{high} specific gravity of 18, which is high for ~~such~~ ^{such} grains the metal is the pure.

An analysis of the Circumstances brought by
Colonel Cooper is undertaken by an Abolitionist Mr.
Eckfeldt, and also by Prof. Booth. The results
shall be made known to you as soon as they are
obtained.

R. W. P.

L.

To
Hon. W. L. Marcy
Secretary of War.

The gold was of two sorts in external character, tho' apparently not different as to quality; the first, from the "dry diggings" being in pretty large grains, of which averaging perhaps one or two dwts; the other variety, from the swamps or margins of the stream, being in small flat spangles; of which, on an average, it would ^{take} 60 or 70 to weigh one grain. These however are but the coarser particles in gold washings, & it is evident that the finer dust has been entirely lost in the crude operation crudely of the operation.

The gold was melted in ^{six} ~~four~~ parcels, one of which was from the Secretary of War, the other five from a private Depositor, from Boston; the size of the melts ranging from about 200 to 440 ozs; and ~~much~~ ^{by far} the larger proportion being of the variety of small spangles, or "wet diggings." The variation of fineness was from 892 to 897 thousandths; the average was 894 ~~1/2~~, ~~being~~ The whole value of gold from the two sources was \$36,492, besides a few ounces reserved in the native state for the Secretary, at his request.

The alloying metal is entirely silver, excepting about one-thousandth of copper, and a minute portion of platinum, the amt. of which we have not ^{yet} had time to ascertain with precision.

The loss in melting, that is, the amount of earthy oxidizable matter which disappeared in that operation, ~~is~~ averaged about $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the original weight; showing that the bullion was in quite a clean condition. - The average value per ounce troy, of the bullion before melting, is \$18.05 $\frac{1}{2}$; of the same in bars, after melting, \$18.50 per ounce.

Mr. T. Abbott,
Philad. December 12, 1848.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose to
you a statement shewing the weight,
fineness and value of the California gold,
brought by Col. Cooper to the Mint pursuant
to your directions. One pound (avoirdupois) of the
grains, as requested by you, was sent to
Washington by Col. Cooper. The amount
deposited at the Mint, it was deemed proper,
should be entered as an ordinary deposit
in your name, and subject to the usual
routine of the Mint. It will be paid on
your order and the return of the Bullion
receipt given to Col. Cooper. As intimated
by you, in your letter to the Director of
the Mint, a portion of the amount can be
reserved for medals, and the balance paid
in coin to such person as you may direct.
Whatever cooperation ^{will be required} on my part to carry
out your excellent suggestions will be
promptly given.

I have the honor to be

Very respy Yours truly

Wm. W. Loring

(signed)

Secy. of War.

James Ross Snowden
Treas. U.S. Mint

M. S. Mine,
Philad^a Dec. 11, 1843.

Dear Sir, I enclose you the statement
of the value of your deposits of the
California gold you made at the Mine.
The fineness you will see approximates
that of standard gold, which is $\frac{900}{1000}$
and the aggregate value is \$32,581.41

Very respectfully,
Yours &c. &c.
(signed) Jas. Ross, Snowdr
Treas.

Mr. David Carter
Boston.

The gold was melted in six parcels, as the loss by melting, due to the earthy and volatile matter which disappears in this operation, averaged about 2½ per cent. of the original weight. The loss thus reported is moderate, and shows that the gold was in a clean condition, and had been carefully washed.

Assays of the melted gold were made with great care, and the results showed a variation in fineness from 892 to 897 thousandths; the average of the whole being 894. This is ^{slightly} below the standard fineness, which is 900.

The average value per ounce, of the bullion before melting is \$18.05½; that of the same in bars after melting is \$18.50.

The whole value of the gold in the two depositories was \$36,492, besides a few ounces reserved in the national state, for the Secretary of the War, at his request.

R. M. P.

To/
Hon R. A. Walker,
Sec. of State

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 11, 1848.

Sir,

On the 8th inst., we received, as I have already ^{had the honor to} inform you, the first deposits of gold from California. It was deposited by Mr. David Carter, who brought it from San Francisco, by the Northern route. It weighed 1804.59 ounces Troy, of which 1423.86 was from the lower surface mines, and 380.79 from those at Feather River. ~~It was all composed of grains, and dust. The grains from the former location were larger and of deeper color than those from Feather River, which were small bright droves.~~ On the 9th inst., another deposit was received sent by the Secretary of War, which weighed 228 oz.

The gold was of two sorts ⁱⁿ ~~sorts~~ ^{and} external character, though apparently not different as to quality. The first, from the "dry diggings," was in grains which averaged ^{about} ~~between~~ two dwts. The other variety, from the swamps or margins of the streams, being in small flat spangles, of which, on an average, it would take 64 or 74 to weight one grain. Of these by far the larger part ~~of the~~ ~~the gold was melted in silver bars, deposited~~ ~~was composed~~.

Tacanton Dec 9. 1838.

James Robt from Mr. [unclear]

Dear Sir: by [unclear] -

G. B.

Admired One hand
and 18 [unclear] shipped from
Boston - [unclear] line, amounting to
\$1,382.⁴⁰ which we have received -
We also enclose 13/ [unclear] of the
same -

Yours [unclear]

Brook [unclear]

War Department,
Washington Dec 8. 1868

Sir,

I have received several specimens of the gold recently discovered in California, and Lieutenant Colonel Cooper, who is the bearer of this letter, will place in your hands a quantity of this metal for the purpose of having it assayed. As doubts exist in the minds of some as to its being gold, I hope it will be in your power to resolve them at once and furnish me, through him, with the result of your examination as far as respects its genuineness. You will consult your convenience in presenting a more full and particular report but I desire it at an early period.

I have not the means of ascertaining the exact weight of the specimens sent. The large quantity that in the Caddy is a collection from the various localities where the metal is found. The note which accompanies it states its weight to be 230 ounces 15 pennyweights and 9 grams, but I presume it will be found to fall short of that quantity, as some of the finer particles have sifted out notwithstanding the pains taken to guard against loss. In order to have a specimen of it here, I request you to deliver one pound of it, or about that quantity, to Colonel Cooper to bring back.

If the metal is found to be pure gold, as I doubt not it will be, I request you to

secure enough if it for the two medals ordered by
Congress and not yet completed, and the remain-
der, with the exception of one or two small bars,
I wish to have coined and sent with the bars
to this Department. As many may desire to
procure specimens of coin made of the California
gold, by exchanging other coin for it, I would sug-
gest that it be made into quarter eagles with a
distinguishing mark on each, if any variation
from the ordinary issues from the mint would
be proper and could be conveniently made.

I send you a specimen of metal
also from California, very small in quantity
marked Platina, which I request you to test
and report the result. As much curiosity ex-
ists as to the character quality & of this newly dis-
covered ~~metal~~ mineral, I respectfully request that
your final report may be such as will furnish
the fullest information on the subject.

I also send by Colonel Cooper a quan-
tity of Cinnabar obtained not far from the place
where the gold is found, in the hope that you have
at the mint the means of ascertaining the per-
centage of quicksilver it contains. Your report
on this will also be highly interesting to the
public. I hope to be favored with the result of your
examination of this specimen as soon as it can be
conveniently prepared.

D. A. M. Patterson,
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully,
Wm. S. Macey -
Secretary of Coast

Private.

Mint of the United States.
Dec. 8, 1848.

Dear Sir,

We have received, this morning, the first
1804.59
deposits of gold from California. It weighed ~~9~~¹⁰ ~~10~~¹¹ ~~11~~¹² ~~12~~¹³ ~~13~~¹⁴ ~~14~~¹⁵ ~~15~~¹⁶ ~~16~~¹⁷ ~~17~~¹⁸ ~~18~~¹⁹ ~~19~~²⁰ ~~20~~²¹ ~~21~~²² ~~22~~²³ ~~23~~²⁴ ~~24~~²⁵ ~~25~~²⁶ ~~26~~²⁷ ~~27~~²⁸ ~~28~~²⁹ ~~29~~³⁰ ~~30~~³¹ ~~31~~³² ~~32~~³³ ~~33~~³⁴ ~~34~~³⁵ ~~35~~³⁶ ~~36~~³⁷ ~~37~~³⁸ ~~38~~³⁹ ~~39~~⁴⁰ ~~40~~⁴¹ ~~41~~⁴² ~~42~~⁴³ ~~43~~⁴⁴ ~~44~~⁴⁵ ~~45~~⁴⁶ ~~46~~⁴⁷ ~~47~~⁴⁸ ~~48~~⁴⁹ ~~49~~⁵⁰ ~~50~~⁵¹ ~~51~~⁵² ~~52~~⁵³ ~~53~~⁵⁴ ~~54~~⁵⁵ ~~55~~⁵⁶ ~~56~~⁵⁷ ~~57~~⁵⁸ ~~58~~⁵⁹ ~~59~~⁶⁰ ~~60~~⁶¹ ~~61~~⁶² ~~62~~⁶³ ~~63~~⁶⁴ ~~64~~⁶⁵ ~~65~~⁶⁶ ~~66~~⁶⁷ ~~67~~⁶⁸ ~~68~~⁶⁹ ~~69~~⁷⁰ ~~70~~⁷¹ ~~71~~⁷² ~~72~~⁷³ ~~73~~⁷⁴ ~~74~~⁷⁵ ~~75~~⁷⁶ ~~76~~⁷⁷ ~~77~~⁷⁸ ~~78~~⁷⁹ ~~79~~⁸⁰ ~~80~~⁸¹ ~~81~~⁸² ~~82~~⁸³ ~~83~~⁸⁴ ~~84~~⁸⁵ ~~85~~⁸⁶ ~~86~~⁸⁷ ~~87~~⁸⁸ ~~88~~⁸⁹ ~~89~~⁹⁰ ~~90~~⁹¹ ~~91~~⁹² ~~92~~⁹³ ~~93~~⁹⁴ ~~94~~⁹⁵ ~~95~~⁹⁶ ~~96~~⁹⁷ ~~97~~⁹⁸ ~~98~~⁹⁹ ~~99~~¹⁰⁰ ~~100~~¹⁰¹ ~~101~~¹⁰² ~~102~~¹⁰³ ~~103~~¹⁰⁴ ~~104~~¹⁰⁵ ~~105~~¹⁰⁶ ~~106~~¹⁰⁷ ~~107~~¹⁰⁸ ~~108~~¹⁰⁹ ~~109~~¹¹⁰ ~~110~~¹¹¹ ~~111~~¹¹² ~~112~~¹¹³ ~~113~~¹¹⁴ ~~114~~¹¹⁵ ~~115~~¹¹⁶ ~~116~~¹¹⁷ ~~117~~¹¹⁸ ~~118~~¹¹⁹ ~~119~~¹²⁰ ~~120~~¹²¹ ~~121~~¹²² ~~122~~¹²³ ~~123~~¹²⁴ ~~124~~¹²⁵ ~~125~~¹²⁶ ~~126~~¹²⁷ ~~127~~¹²⁸ ~~128~~¹²⁹ ~~129~~¹³⁰ ~~130~~¹³¹ ~~131~~¹³² ~~132~~¹³³ ~~133~~¹³⁴ ~~134~~¹³⁵ ~~135~~¹³⁶ ~~136~~¹³⁷ ~~137~~¹³⁸ ~~138~~¹³⁹ ~~139~~¹⁴⁰ ~~140~~¹⁴¹ ~~141~~¹⁴² ~~142~~¹⁴³ ~~143~~¹⁴⁴ ~~144~~¹⁴⁵ ~~145~~¹⁴⁶ ~~146~~¹⁴⁷ ~~147~~¹⁴⁸ ~~148~~¹⁴⁹ ~~149~~¹⁵⁰ ~~150~~¹⁵¹ ~~151~~¹⁵² ~~152~~¹⁵³ ~~153~~¹⁵⁴ ~~154~~¹⁵⁵ ~~155~~¹⁵⁶ ~~156~~¹⁵⁷ ~~157~~¹⁵⁸ ~~158~~¹⁵⁹ ~~159~~¹⁶⁰ ~~160~~¹⁶¹ ~~161~~¹⁶² ~~162~~¹⁶³ ~~163~~¹⁶⁴ ~~164~~¹⁶⁵ ~~165~~¹⁶⁶ ~~166~~¹⁶⁷ ~~167~~¹⁶⁸ ~~168~~¹⁶⁹ ~~169~~¹⁷⁰ ~~170~~¹⁷¹ ~~171~~¹⁷² ~~172~~¹⁷³ ~~173~~¹⁷⁴ ~~174~~¹⁷⁵ ~~175~~¹⁷⁶ ~~176~~¹⁷⁷ ~~177~~¹⁷⁸ ~~178~~¹⁷⁹ ~~179~~¹⁸⁰ ~~180~~¹⁸¹ ~~181~~¹⁸² ~~182~~¹⁸³ ~~183~~¹⁸⁴ ~~184~~¹⁸⁵ ~~185~~¹⁸⁶ ~~186~~¹⁸⁷ ~~187~~¹⁸⁸ ~~188~~¹⁸⁹ ~~189~~¹⁹⁰ ~~190~~¹⁹¹ ~~191~~¹⁹² ~~192~~¹⁹³ ~~193~~¹⁹⁴ ~~194~~¹⁹⁵ ~~195~~¹⁹⁶ ~~196~~¹⁹⁷ ~~197~~¹⁹⁸ ~~198~~¹⁹⁹ ~~199~~²⁰⁰ ~~200~~²⁰¹ ~~201~~²⁰² ~~202~~²⁰³ ~~203~~²⁰⁴ ~~204~~²⁰⁵ ~~205~~²⁰⁶ ~~206~~²⁰⁷ ~~207~~²⁰⁸ ~~208~~²⁰⁹ ~~209~~²¹⁰ ~~210~~²¹¹ ~~211~~²¹² ~~212~~²¹³ ~~213~~²¹⁴ ~~214~~²¹⁵ ~~215~~²¹⁶ ~~216~~²¹⁷ ~~217~~²¹⁸ ~~218~~²¹⁹ ~~219~~²²⁰ ~~220~~²²¹ ~~221~~²²² ~~222~~²²³ ~~223~~²²⁴ ~~224~~²²⁵ ~~225~~²²⁶ ~~226~~²²⁷ ~~227~~²²⁸ ~~228~~²²⁹ ~~229~~²³⁰ ~~230~~²³¹ ~~231~~²³² ~~232~~²³³ ~~233~~²³⁴ ~~234~~²³⁵ ~~235~~²³⁶ ~~236~~²³⁷ ~~237~~²³⁸ ~~238~~²³⁹ ~~239~~²⁴⁰ ~~240~~²⁴¹ ~~241~~²⁴² ~~242~~²⁴³ ~~243~~²⁴⁴ ~~244~~²⁴⁵ ~~245~~²⁴⁶ ~~246~~²⁴⁷ ~~247~~²⁴⁸ ~~248~~²⁴⁹ ~~249~~²⁵⁰ ~~250~~²⁵¹ ~~251~~²⁵² ~~252~~²⁵³ ~~253~~²⁵⁴ ~~254~~²⁵⁵ ~~255~~²⁵⁶ ~~256~~²⁵⁷ ~~257~~²⁵⁸ ~~258~~²⁵⁹

Most truly & respectfully,
your friend & servant,
R. M. Patterson.

Geo. R. S. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

New York, Dec. 7th 1848.

Dear Sir,

Your favour of yesterday was duly received.

Before leaving Philad. I shipped to the care of Messrs. Chambers & White, Charleston, S.C. the 12 pkts. lead pots No. 10

(2 pkts. of No. 11 = \$3.10) of lead. I forwarded a Bill of Lading to Messrs. Chambers & White, but neglected to take a duplicate.

I generally take ^{triplicate} Bills of Lading, but neglected it, in this instance, on account of the small value.

It is hardly worth the trouble to demand for so small an amt.

The next time I visit Philad. I will present the Bill.

I have the honour to be

Yours &c.

Wm. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.

Jos. W. Garrison.

Onida Bank
Albion 5 Dec. 1848
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir
I have directed the Cashier
of the Bank of the State of New York at New York
to furnish you for the Bank One thousand
dollars in foreign silver coin for which I
want \$800 in dimes & \$200 in half dimes
forwarded to their care as early as convenient

Very Respectfully
T. B. Laussing Cashier

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
January 3^d 1869

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
Order for \$1000.00 for the purchase of
Ordinary 3^d December 1868.

Respectfully,
Jas. C. Smith
W. Collins
1st Auditor

Thomas Ross Snowden Esq
Washington D.C.
Philadelphia
Penn.

War Department.
Washington Jan 2nd. 1849.

Sir,

I have requested the Bearer hereof
Arch^d Campbell, Esq. my Chief Clerk to call
at the Mint and receive from you the coin made of
the California gold. If it be ready I request that
it may be handed to him. He will deliver to you
the receipt which was given on depositing the gold.

I am,

Very Respectfully
yours Obt. Servt.

W. L. Marcy.
Secretary of War

To
Doct^r. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Wash. D. C. Feb. 30, 1848

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst, and you will see from the enclosed form of a bill that I have complied with your request.

There can be no other objection to the double eagle except that it is not needed. It will be a handsome coin, between the half dollar and dollar in size.

I send you six specimens of the gold dollar, three of standard gold and three of gilt silver. The form proposed in the article to which you called my attention is very objectionable. So also is a plan devised in England in which a silver coin has a gold plug in the center.

In the proposed bill which I send to you I have introduced a provision for what are technically called the remedial in the standard weight of the gold coins. It differs from the provision in the 25th section of the Mint act of 1837, by being extended to the proposed new coins, and also by increasing the variation allowed for the eagle and half eagle from a quarter of a grain to $\frac{1}{2}$ a grain. Our experience has shown that the former limit is too small for practical adjusting, as the limit now proposed is itself very small. I hope that no objection will be made to its adoption. You will see that the narrow allowance of variation from standard weight in the delivery of large numbers of coins puts it out of the power of the officers to take advantage of the allowance on single pieces.

Wm. J. McKay
Wash. D. C.
Washington.

2 Rm B

Philadelphia Janry 20th 1817.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours
of yesterday sending me a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the
U. S. advising me of my appointment as one of the Commissioners
to attend the annual assay at the Mint. I have much pleasure
in saying that I shall be punctual in my attendance at the
Mint on the 12th inst. and in the mean while, shall prepare
myself for the performance of my duties, by a careful perusal of
the two pamphlets which you have had the goodness to send me.

I beg to return my acknowledgments to the Secretary of the
Treasury and am very respectfully,

Sincerely

Yours &c. &c.
Alexander Leitch

Alex. Leitch Esq

Quar. of the U. S. Mint.
Chestnut St. Philad.

Am. Bank Aug 3, 1849
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director W. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dr Sir

We send you
herewith a sealed Bag addressed to you by
Livingston & Co. Express containing a Package
Gold Duck to be coined and we will thank you
to receipt & deliver proceeds to them with certificate
of receipt & value in our name as soon as it
can be converted into Coin and

We beg to remain Sir

Very Resp Yours
rc

Osborne & Brown

New York 29th January 1879

A. W. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your very kind letter of the 27th, conveying me from the Sec^y of the Treasury, by which I am advised that the President of the United States has designated me as one of the Commissioners to attend the annual assay at the Mint. I need hardly say that it will afford me much pleasure to attend at the time specified - the 12th of February. The nature of my engagements here are so pressing, that I may not be able to reach Phila. before the evening of Saturday previous - and I

intend being at the House of my brother
in Law, Dr. Briggs - which I mention in answer
to the polite intimation conveyed by your letter -
at the same time I beg you to waive all
Ceremony.

The papers to which your letter also
refers, have not reached me - and as the matter
they contain is of interest, may read me other
copies, should they have miscarried.

I am very truly yours,

Wm L. Garrison

New York 29th May 1849
P. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director
U.S. Mint, Philad^a.

Sir,

By Livingston H. Capron I send
you this day a package to your address, containing
six packages, viz together 198 7/16 oz. Gold Dust, said to
be of superior quality. The said six packages
are marked M A No 1 @ 6. I will thank you to
have them coined & return the proceeds by them
who are authorized to receive the same, on my
account. As they are different parcels, I beg
of you to hand them two separate certificates
of weight & value in my own name, viz
One for M A No 1 @ 4 four packages } as soon as
& one for " " 5. 6. two Do } practicable

I Remain,

Sir

Very Respectfully

A. Mangione.

Nashville Jan^y 29th/49.

To/
Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Dear sir,

This will be handed to you by
my friend Adolphus Heimann who is on a
visit to the Eastern cities in a professional
way:— Major Heimann is an Architect of
taste and skill, and eke, a Man of war,
having distinguished himself with the
honors of Gen^l Taylors conquests in Mex-
ico.

Major Heimann is the bearer of des-
patches, to you, from our common friends
Dr. Troost, — I know you will give him
a golden opportunity of seeing the way
in which money is made, and public works
founded thereon.

Your old friend
W. Strickland

Washington City
Jan 28th 1849.

Dear Sir,

Since I wrote to you yesterday
Mr. A. H. Smith of the Senate - formerly
of the Finance Committee of the D. C. -
would, probably, report on the bill to
authorize the issue of a gold piece
of the value of one dollar.

When you write me - or even to the letter of
yesterday, I would be glad to receive your
views - in regard to the bill for the purpose.

Please to allow the bill which I have
sent to you, as it is possible that it may
be of use to you. I will consider receiving it
proper, should authority be given to issue
the two pieces named.

Yours respectfully,
A. A. Patton Esq.

J. S. 28th 1849

West. Philad.
Jan. 27, 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
the notice of appointment of the Commissioners designat-
ed by the President to attend the Annual Assn. at
the West. But I have to regret that a mistake has
occurred in one of the names, which is written Vanderkolk,
instead of Vanderkemp. I have had accordingly return
the two papers in which appears correction on this account,
and have taken the liberty of sending correct substitute,
which requires only your signature.

R.M.P.
D.

Wm. P. J. Waller,
Sec. of Treas.

Coast Survey Office.

Washington Jan. 27. 1849.

Dear Sir,

I received yesterday the six silver medals struck under your direction for the Coast Survey & this morning yours of Jan. 25 enclosing the bill of Mr. Peale. He returns to me a check No. 9164 of Crocoran & Pipp on the Bank of Philadelphia payable to the order of Braithwaite for the amount ^(\$37) with receipts in duplicate which you will oblige me by having signed & returned to this office.

I take this opportunity to return by request of Mr. Joseph Rulph the thanks of the Coast Survey to you for the facilities afforded to him in making the magnetic observation entrusted to him & would respectfully request that the thanks of the work be communicated in an especial manner to Mr. Peale for his very obliging assistance to Mr. Rulph.

Yours respectfully,

A. D. Bache

Alfred R. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Jan'y 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

*James W. Snowden Esq
Post Secy of Wt*

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Print of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1849.

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Your note of the 24th inst. was fortunately
received before the deposits in question had left
the hands of the Mather & Rufiner. A re-assay
was accordingly made, and, as you suspected, an
error was in fact found. It arose from the
mistake in the last weighing of the first assay,
which made its fineness 895, instead of 905. By the correct re-weighing
it was found you were a mere thousandth and the
credit for \$1057.51 to \$1058.25, and 41 cents to H. Gannett, the
agent of my master, in the name of your partner, in our Boston
need not add how much I regret this
mistake, and how glad I am that you called my
attention to it.

Very respectfully &
faithfully yours,

P. M. Patterson,
Dunbar,

Lf
 Bertram Berand, Esq
 New York.

Philad. January 27. 1849.

Dear Sir,

It will be necessary for me to see you, without fail on
Monday morning between 9. 4. and 10.

Truly y^rs.

William B. Reed

L^d Patterson.

Washington City
Jan 27th 1849.

Dear Sir

I send you a copy of the Bill for
the coinage of gold dollar pieces - You will
see that it is the same that was introduced
in 1844 with the exception of the 500,000 limit &
I believe that Bill was favorably of you.
Please comment to me, all your views
on the subject.

Yours with great respect
J. J. McKay

J. J. McKay
[Committee on Coins and Currency]

Wm. Patterson Esq.

P.S. What do you think of the form for
the gold dollar proposed in the article of the
Union of the morning? -
Can't you send us a few specimens of the
dollar pieces? They shall be returned
to you.

J. J. Wk

In order to illustrate the views which will be offered in compliance with the request of the Committee, some specimens have been selected, and various alloys prepared, to accompany this report.

No. 1, is a piece of ten centimes of France, containing 20 per cent silver; value nearly two cents (1.86); worn by circulation; newly cleaned.

No. 2, is a silver-groschen of Prussia, containing 22 per cent silver; value by law, 2.3 cents; actual or intrinsic value, 1.86 cents. Has been in circulation, & is shown here in its consequent condition.

No. 3, is a good-groschen of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach in Germany; contains about 37 per cent silver; value nearly three cents (say 2.9); worn by use, & lately washed.

No. 4 is a three-kreutzer of Austria, containing $34\frac{1}{2}$ per cent silver; value, both legal & actual, 2.4 cents, ~~but~~ shows the appearance of billon which has been "pickled" after moderate wear. ("Pickling" is a technical term, &c.)

No. 5 is a piece of 10 centimes of Netherlands, containing 57 per cent. silver; value 4 cents.

No. 6 is a quarter-real of Mexico, about the same fineness as our own coin (90 per cent) and worth $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents. It is sent to show the inconvenience of its size and the necessity, or at least the wisdom, of adding copper to make a more tangible coin.

No. 7. Contains ^{two} planchets, intended to weigh $1\frac{1}{2}$ grs; ~~and~~ containing 20 per cent. silver. The amount of fine silver is 34 grains, worth .94 of a cent; leaving a margin of .06 to pay for the copper and a slight seigniorage to government, we offer this as a specimen for a cent piece. The ~~planchets~~ ^{planchets} are cleaned but not pickled, and appear in ~~the~~ ^{their} proper colour.

No. 8, contains ^{two} planchets, intended to weigh 36 grains, & containing 30 per cent. silver. The fine silver would amount to 2.91 cents, leaving a difference of .09 for copper and seigniorage, for a 3 cent piece. The ~~planchets~~ ^{are} clean without pickling.

No. 9, ~~four~~ ^{three} ~~coins~~ ^{two}, of 22 grs, proportion of silver 50 per cent; actual value 2.96 cents; leaving .04 for copper &c., for a 3 cent piece. ~~The specimens~~ ^{had been} moderately pickled, the others appear in ~~their~~ ^{their} proper colour.

No. 10, ~~four~~ ^{three} ~~coins~~ ^{two}, of 18 grs; proportion of silver 60 per cent; value 2.99 cents. ~~One piece~~ ^{pickled}, the rest in proper colour.

The following views or conclusions are offered.

Very base alloys are altogether objectionable. In the of 20 per cent, the silver is ~~hardly~~ ^{hardly} nearly ~~20~~ ²⁰ per cent, ^{long} circulation will ~~not~~ ^{impart} a marked appearance, and ^{in the} the surface will become foul, ^(much more so than in more copper.) as in No. 2. Such alloys can also be more readily imitated than higher ones, without the use of a particle of silver. And since the copper should be paid for, out of the coin itself, the holder will have less intrinsic value, the lower you make the alloy. Such low percentages are also entirely useless, except as coin, and according to the tariff of France (we have ^{now} to suit the case) it would cost about 14 cents per ounce, say about $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of value, to refine such stuff, ^{as to the practice of other countries.}

["Pickling" is a technical term for the operation of soaking the pieces, before striking, in a weak sulphuric acid, by which they ~~become~~ ^{the copper} ~~the alloy~~ is removed from the surface, ~~and~~ leaving an appearance of fine silver. In this dress, coins of billon generally leave the mints, and it is retained for a considerable time, but the practice is of doubtful propriety, as an old coin looks worse than if left, but after some wear they look ^{much} worse than if they had been sent out with their proper colour.]

There are scarcely any examples at this day of alloy
lower than as low as 25 per cent. The French have long
been discontinued. On the whole it is extremely un-
desirable to make any such substitute for our present coin
piece, which of itself is ~~convenient in size~~, and which
becomes a nuisance by the frequent necessity of changing
or exchanging it for a piece at a time.

The three cent piece stands confessedly in
a different grade of merit. Much as we desire to
maintain the unity of our standards and to circulate
a low alloy, it is evident that the three-cent piece
if of convenient size and being acceptable all over the
country, &c. &c. probably answers all which to introduce
a new piece of one cent. - Specimens No. 9 & 10 are
therefore submitted, &c. to show the full effect, have been
struck with a die hastily got up. No. 10 we would
~~strongly~~ greatly prefer; and it seems undesirable to go
any higher than that proportion (60) of fineness. The
colour of this piece will always stand pretty fair, &
the surface will not become foul; see No. 5 as an
example. - If this or any piece should be adopted,
certain details as to weight ^{and allargues in mintage, but} and fineness, and the
reasons therefor, will then be given before the bill is
perfected. It was not considered necessary to make a nice
argument of these terms, at this stage of the inquiry.

Treasury Department
January 26th 1849

Sir,

I have to inform you that, as authorized by the President, Professors Johnson, of Middletown, Conn., and John C. Bristow of Philadelphia, and J. J. Vanderkemp and John L. Aspinwall, Esqs, have been appointed to attend the annual assize at the Mint, on the second Monday, the 12th day of February next.

Enclosed are the letters of appointment.

Very respectfully,

R. W. Meade
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson {
Philadelphia {
Pa }

Balt. Jan 26th 1849

A. M. Patterson Esq

Sir.

I trust you will excuse the liberty I have taken to address you but when I have explained my object I hope you will receive it as my apology.

I wish to perfect myself in the assaying and analysis of metals & minerals and not knowing what books to procure for that purpose, have ventured to ask you to recommend such works as in your judgment would be best - being chief of the Mint I have presumed you have a perfect knowledge of such works - are you at liberty to give me the result of your investigations at the Mint?

Apart from the benefit I should derive from being perfect in this branch of science - it is a study I most delight in, and pursue the same with great pleasure.

My only companions are
Cornstock's Mineralogy
Treseman's chemical analogy

Very Respectfully
Yours
Jacob F. Groce

New York Jan^y 26. 1849.

Doct. Patterson

It is well known that accounts have been published here from time to time of quantities of gold from California that you have received at the mint to be coined.

I, (as an inquirer after Facts and Truth for my own gratification) inquire of you if you would be so kind as to answer this communication and state, how much Gold you had received, that you were satisfied came from California, and also if you had received any in forms of lumps that proved to be sulphate of iron.

If you will please to answer the above inquiries as soon as convenient, you will much oblige your most obedient servant

A. J. Biglow

Please direct to A. J. Biglow care of
Sauls & Ballard, 120 Madison Lane N. York, N.Y.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I see that you have brought a Bill before
the House, for the coinage of Gold dollars. Of ~~all~~
the objections ^{which} ~~that~~ I see presented against it, on a former
occasion, one ~~it~~ only has been removed, namely the coinage
of silver over gold: yet I ^{I am not disposed to} ~~shall not~~ interfere with the
measure now. I wish, however, that it be introduced
in a form that shall be ~~unobjectionable~~ practicable at
the Mint, and I therefore beg that you will send me a
copy of your bill, that I may see if it conforms to the
necessary provisions.

R. M. Patterson

Mrs. J. J. Mc Key, &c.

To authorize the coinage of twenty-dollar, and of one-dollar gold pieces as the Mint of the United States and its Branches.

Art. 2. And he do further enacted, That the above-mentioned Coin shall be made, in all respects, in conformity with the existing laws regulating the Coinage of the United States, except that on the reverse of the gold dollar the figure of the eagle shall be omitted.

Not to land be it further vouch'd that so much of the same
Not as exceeds the coinage of twenty-dollar and one dollar
gold pieces shall continue in force until the fourth day of
March 1851, and no longer.

R M Patterson Esq.
U. S. Mint. Dear Sir

As there have been many communications in the Newspapers, recommending the Coinage of a Gold Dollar, to take the place of the present disgraceful Notes of small amount, it has occurred to me that a combination of a Gold & Silver Coin, such in appearance as the accompanying Medal, might be found more convenient than so small a Coin as a Gold Dollar would be, and prove acceptable to the public.

The Medal which I now inclose was brought by my Daughter from England last Summer, and was intended to take the place of the English Silver Crown-piece. If you have not already seen it it may prove of some interest to you.

Believe me to be

Dear Sir
Your friend & Serv^t
Joseph Sill

Philadelphia January 25 1849.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I see that my Annual Mint Report
for 1848 has been presented to Congress, and it
will no doubt, as heretofore, be printed. May I then
ask a favor of you? Will that you will procure for
me as many copies as can be spared. I know that
the number is small.

~~Let me also ask ^{you to} the favor, to send me~~
~~any bills that may be presented~~

R. M. P.

~~Dr.~~

To /
Hon. Charles Brown

Allentown, Lehigh county, Jan. 25, 1847

To the Managers of the U. S. Mint:

Messrs. - Herewith

I send you a few small specimens of a substance - being no mineralogist myself, I am unable to determine what ^{they are} ~~it is~~ - and beg you to be kind enough to inform me what it really is. The small particles contained in this letter I found upon the surface of a small steep and rocky hill. It is found in a bluish bluish kind of a stone, sometimes slatish in appearance, and the small grains ^{are} ~~are~~ found in a vein, some however are found by themselves; while some are remarkably hard to extract, others fall out by themselves.

I await

Please answer this as soon as convenient.

Yours, &c.

J. D. Langwiler

Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa.

U.S. Mint, Philad^a. Jan^y 25, 1879

Dear Sir,

I received on the 23rd inst, per Messrs Adams & Co, the amount of foreign gold coins, which you forwarded in payment of transfer draft N^o 764 calling for the sum of \$100,000. The gold has been assayed and its value ascertained as the enclosed Memorandum fully exhibits. By it you will perceive that the amount falls short of the requested sum, the sum of \$50,390. This arises from the fact that you have rated the doubloons from South America, as of the fineness of twenty cents three grains and seven sixteenths of a grain, equal to 869.14 thousandths. The doubloons are ascertained to be of the fineness of only 865. thousandths, hence their real value is ~~less~~ .428 of a cent below what I rate at which you the value at which you have paid them. ~~and the aggregate~~ ^{you will begin to} ~~left~~ ^{amount} ~~represents the above sum of \$50,390~~ ^{difference} ~~is~~ ^{you will} ~~it due to make up the value of the transfer~~ ^{amount} ~~draft above stated.~~ ^{difference} This ~~amount~~ ^{difference} you will please forward to me at some earliest convenient opportunity. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
J. Edgar

Syracuse N.Y. Jan'y 25th 1849

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

With great pleasure we are this
forenoon to answer you the following inquiries by return of mail

- 1st What is the standard (exactly) for Gold Coin American
- 2^d What is the exact standard for the U.S. Silver Coin
- 3rd Is bullion coined at the expense of the owner, or of Govt.
- 4th How much Gold of Standard fineness delivered at the
U.S. Mint will entitle the owner to \$1. - \$5. - & \$10. -
- 5th The same in regard to Silver, for 25¢ - 10¢ - & 5¢
- 6th How much Gold 20 karats fine (Copper alloy) delivered at
the U.S. Mint will entitle the owner to \$1. - \$2.50 - \$5. - & \$10. -
- 7th The same as 6th except that the alloy is composed of
equal weights of Silver and Copper.

By giving you full and minute answers to the above
questions you greatly oblige me, and if you can give
it in such a form (with any additional information of gold
importance) as will make it convenient of reference you
will greatly oblige

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt J. H. Fowler

New York January 24th 1849

On the 19th inst. I forwarded by Adams & Co. Express \$20.47 milled Gold coin and received this day in return \$1487.81 at a fineness of 895. I regret the necessity of troubling you with calling your attention to the fact that of the quantity sent 715 ounces were ducats at a fineness of 900 and the balance consisted of coin of which the lowest was of 896 $\frac{1}{2}$ making an average of at least 904 fineness and which on re-examination, I doubt not, will be found correct.

very respectfully
Yours

Samuel B. Rouse

The above deposit (made in the name of George Mowton) was erroneously reported, in consequence of a mistake in the last weighing of the assay. It has been corrected by re-assay. Jan'y 27. 1849.

Treasury United States
January 24 1849

Sir I have this day issued Transfer draft by Drafts
on you in my favor for One hundred thousand dollars
payable on demand in Philadelphia.

Very respectfully Yours
Wm. J. Miller
Treas. U. States

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Philadelphia. Jan. 25, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that we have no California Sand left. All that we have received was sent to us by the Secretary of the Academy. In the first parcel there was but 8½ bushels, and in a second, for which we applied, there was but 23 bushels more; and on this very small ^{amount} ~~supply~~ we spent, ~~and more of~~ it is left. The acid used was ministered along, and it acted upon the iron which had not been removed by the magnet.

Very respectfully & truly yours,

R. M. P.

Yours Truly,
H. Thos. Ewing.

Private

Anti-Sl. Phil. Soc. 23/49

Dear Sir,

In my letter to you of the 19th inst., I took the liberty of suggesting Wm. L. Stephens of New York as an additional Commissioner to attend the Annual Assn. I am just now informed that the name of the gentleman whom I desired to have with us is Wm. L. Stephens. I hope that, if the President has been disposed to accede to my request, there may yet be time to correct this error.

Yours truly,

Wm. L. Stephens
New York

Southern Magnetic Telegraph.

The following communication was received at
this office, at 12 o'clock, 20 min P.M.
Dated, N. York, Jan. 23 1848.

Director of the Mint

Dr. Parson says
that the L. Lehigh
is the proper name of
the assay commissioners.

J. W. Parson.
Mansion House
Brooklyn.

31 John Street
New York Jan: 22nd.
1849

To Dr. R. M. Patterson

Dear Sir,

Allow me
to recall myself to your recollection
by soliciting some information which I
am unable to obtain from any
other source I wish to know.

1. With what substances the gold, as
dug from the deposits in California is
combined

2. What is the specific gravity of the
substances found united with it

3rd. The proportions in which they are
ordinarily found with the gold.

I do not suppose that you can
answer these questions accurately -
but I am sure that you can
give me the best information on
the subject.

Very truly
Yours W. L. L.

Charles Davis

Wint. Mt. Phil. Jan. 20/49.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 17th, in which you ask, whether, in my judgment, the Commonwealth could safely proceed to the trial of Randal Hutchinson, in the absence of Capt. Peckham. I reply, that I deem the evidence of Capt. Peckham of the greatest importance, and that, in my opinion, it would be imprudent to proceed to trial without it.

R.M.P.
D.

Wm. B. Reed, Esq.

Dep. Atty. General.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a Penna, 20th, 1849.

Sir, I have this day received from
you, Treasury Transfer No. 764,
in my favor, on the Asst. Treas. U. S. at
N. York, dated 18th inst, for One hundred
thousand dollars, payable in foreign
gold coins, which I have sent for, in
the usual manner, and when received
will place to your credit on the books
of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Scott
(Signed)
James Ross Snowden,
Treasurer

New York January 20th 1849

Dear Sir!

I have yesterday send by Express
of Adams & Co. \$1500. in foreign
Gold for recinage, and as many
friends here are curious to have some
coins of the Gold found in California
I take herewith the liberty to ask you
if it is no trouble to you to let me
in the return have a part of such
Gold and you will much oblige

Yours

Respectfully

Jermann Sound

N. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

(Private.)

Wm. W. Phil. Jan. 19, 1849.

Dear Sir,

Will you permit me to present, through you,
to the President, the name of Mr. R. Aspinwall, Esq.,
of New York, as one of the Additional Commissioners to
attend at the Annual Assay to be held at the Mint on
the 12th of February. I am often inclined to add this
name to those which I have already taken the liberty to pre-
sent, because Mr. Aspinwall is a distinguished merchant,
has important relations with California, and is a citizen
of New York.

R. M. W.

Wm. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treasury.

P.S. We have just received a deposit of 440 ounces
of California gold: its value about \$7630. It came
to us from a house in Salem, Mass.

Princeton, Me., Jan. 19, 1849.

Dear Sir,

Mr. George C. Swallow, of this place, has it in contemplation to go to California. It has occurred to him that by proper effort he may possibly secure some appointment under Government, and it is on his behalf that I now address you. Allow me to state briefly some of the qualifications possessed by Mr. Swallow, & the particular purpose of the present letter.

Mr. Swallow is a young married man, of liberal education, - having been graduated at Bowdoin College in this place in 1843. Since that time he has been engaged in teaching - having had charge of a Seminary in this town. Meanwhile his tastes have led him to bestow special attention upon the Natural Sciences, - particularly Botany, Mineralogy, and Chemistry, which he has pursued under the direction of Professor Cleveland. During several years past he has had a good deal of practice in Chemical Analysis, in which he has the reputation of being very skillful.

The particular object of this letter is to inquire what has been done by Congress

with respect to the establishment of a
Branch Mint in California, what are
the probabilities that one will be estab-
lished, and whether any inquiry has yet
been made for suitable officers.

Mr. Mallon's acquiescence would lead him,
of course, in the event of such an insti-
tution being established, to look more par-
ticularly to the post of Assayer, or Melt-
refiner; and his aim would be to bring
his name seasonably to the favorable notice
of the appointing power. He could readily
procure from this vicinity testimonials which
would be influential with the present Admin-
istration.

It gives me pleasure to communicate
with you in Mr. Mallon's behalf, and I shall
be truly gratified if you can afford any
information that will be of service to him.

Very respectfully,

Yours truly,

Geo. F. Downing

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia }

Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania
vs
R. Hutchison

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th is received. I will
thank you to say to me in writing whether in your
judgment the Commonwealth can safely proceed to trial
in the absence of Mr. Eckfeldt.

Very Resp^tly

William B. Reed

for the Attorney General.

Philad. Jan^y 19 1849.

P. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18, 1849.

Sir,

The inquiries made in your letter of the 9th inst. have called for investigations which have necessarily delayed my answer to this time.

We present the subject satisfactorily to the Committee. Specimens of base coins have been selected, and various alloys prepared, which are sent herewith, and of which the following is a list and description.

No. 1. is a piece of ten centimes of France, containing 20 per cent. of silver; value nearly two cents (1.86c) worn by circulation; newly cleaned.

No. 2. is a Silber-groschen of Prussia, containing 22 percent of silver; legal value 2.3 cents; actual value 1.86 cents; has been in circulation, as is shown by its condition.

No. 3. is a ^{guld-}~~guld-~~groschen of Saxe-Weim-Eisenach, in Germany; containing about 37 per cent. of silver; value nearly 3 cents (say 2.9c) worn by use, and lately washed.

No. 4 is a three-kreutzer of Austria; containing 34½ per cent. of silver; value, both legal and actual, 2½ cents; shows the appearance, ^{after sundry uses,} of base coin, or billon, which has been pickled, or immersed, before striking, in weak sulphuric acid. By this process the copper is removed from the surface, and an appearance of fine silver is left. In this dress, coins of billon generally leave the mints; but after some wear they look much worse than if they had been left with their proper colour.

No. 5 is a piece of ten centimes of the Netherlands, containing 57 per cent. of silver; value 4 cents.

No. 6 is a quarter-real of Mexico, of about the same fineness as our own coin, (90 per cent.) and worth 3½ cents, or one thirty-second of a dollar. It is sent to show the inconvenience of a coin of so small a size.

No. 7 is a planchet weighing 17½ grains, and containing 20 per cent. of silver. The amount of fine silver is 3½ grains, worth .94 of a cent, leaving .06 cent to pay for the copper, and a slight seigniorage to the government. This is a fair specimen for a cent piece. The planchet is cleaned, but not pickled, so that it appears in its proper colour.

No. 8 contains a planchet, intended to weigh 36 grs., containing 30 per cent. silver. The fine silver would amount to 2.91 cents, leaving .09 for copper, & seigniorage. Intended for a three-cent piece.

No. 9, ten coins, of 22 grs., proportion of silver 50 per cent; actual value 2.96 cents; for a three cent piece. (~~III.~~) (Stamped 3.)

No. 10, ten coins, of 18½ grs., proportion of silver 60 per cent; value 2.99 cents; for a three cent piece. (~~3.~~) (Stamped III.)

From these specimens it appears that base alloys are very objectionable. In that of 20 per cent, the silver is nearly hidden. In a range from 20 to 30 per cent., long circulation will impart a mottled appearance, and, as in No. 2, the surface will become foul, — much more so than in mere copper. Such alloys can also be more readily imitated than higher ones, without the use of a particle of silver. And since the copper should be paid for out of the coin itself, the holder will have less intrinsic value, the lower the alloy is made. Moreover the silver in these base coins is useless for any other purpose, unless it be separated from the alloy, and, if we judge from the charges in France, it would cost about 1½ cents per ounce, or 5½ per cent. of value, to refine such alloys as Nos. 1 and 7. In France the coinage of billon has long

been discontinued, and in England it has never been
used. With us it ought certainly never to be introduced,
at least as a substitute for our present copper cents.

A three cent piece would certainly be a convenience,
and would be particularly so, if, as has been proposed, the
postage on letters should be reduced to this sum. Specimens
Nos. 9 & 10, which have been struck with dies hastily
made, will show the appearance of this coin. The first con-
tains 50, and the second 60 per cents of silver. At these pro-
portions, the pieces will retain their appearance tolerably
well, as may be seen in No. 5. It is very questionable,
however, whether the convenience of such a coinage would
justify an interruption in the unity of our standards,
and the circulation of a low alloy.

If it be deemed expedient, however, to adopt
such a coinage, I would ask for an opportunity to give
my views as to weight, fineness, and allowance in man-
ufacture, with any reasons therefor, before the bill is presented.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. Saml F. Vinton.

Chairman of the Committee
of Ways & Means.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18, 1849.

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No. 2 is a Silber-groschen of Prussia; containing 22 per cent. of silver; legal value 2.3 cents, - actual value 1.56 cents; has been in circulation, as is shown by its condition.

No. 3 is a gute-groschen of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, in Germany; contains about 37 per cent. of silver; value nearly 3 cents, (say 2.9,) worn by use, and lately washed.

No. 4 is a thalersutze of Austria; con-

containing 34 1/2 per cent. of silver; value, both legal and actual, 2 1/2 cents; shows the appearance of the moderate wear, of base coin, or bullion, which has been pickled, is immersed, before striking, in weak sulphuric acid. By this process the copper is removed from the surface, and an appearance of fine silver is left. In this direct coins of billon generally leave the mints; but after some wear they look much worse than if they had been left with their proper colour.

No. 5 is a piece of ten centimes of the St. Louis (cents), containing 57 per cent. of silver, value 1/4 cent.

No. 6 is a quarter-real of Mexico, of about the same fineness as our own coin, (90 per cent.), and worth 3 1/2 cents, or one thirty-second of a dollar. It shows the inconvenience of a coin of so small a size.

No. 7 is a planchet weighing 17 1/2 grains, and containing 20 per cent. of silver. The amount of fine silver is 3 1/2 grains, worth .94 of a cent., and having .006 of a cent. to pay for the copper, and a slight seignorage to the government. This is a fair specimen for a cent piece. The planchet is cleaned, but not pickled, so that it appears in its proper colour.

No. 8 is a planchet intended to weigh 36 grains, and containing 30 per cent. of silver. The fine silver would amount to 2.91 cents, leaving .09 for copper and seignorage. Intended for a three-cent piece.

No. 9: two coins, of 22 grains; proportion of silver 50 per cent.; actual value 2.95 cents. Intended for a three-cent piece. Stamped 3.

No. 10: two coins, of 18 grains; proportion of silver 60 per cent.; value 2.99 cents. Intended for a three-cent piece. Stamped III.

From these specimens it appears that base alloys are very objectionable. In that of 20 per cent. the silver is nearly hidden. In a range from 20 to 30 per cent., long circulation will impart a mottled appearance, and, as in No. 2, the surface will become foul; much more so than in more copper. Such alloys can also be more readily imitated than higher ones, without the use of particles of silver. And since the copper should be paid for out of the coin itself, the holder will have less intrinsic value, the lower the alloy is made. Moreover the silver in these base coins is useless for any other purpose, unless it be separated from the alloy; and, if we judge from the charges in France, it would cost about 1/2 cent. per ounce.

in 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of value, to refine such alloys as Nos. 1 and 7. In France the coinage of billon has long been discontinued, and in England it has never been used. With us, it might certainly never be introduced, at least as a substitute for our present copper cent.

A three-cent piece would certainly be a convenience, and would be particularly so, if, as has been proposed, the postage on letters should be reduced to this sum. Specimens Nos. 9 & 10, which have been struck with dies hastily made, will show the appearance of this coin. The first contains 50, and the second 60 per cent. of silver. At these proportions, the pieces will retain their appearance tolerably well, as may be seen in No. 5. It is very questionable, however, whether the convenience of such a coinage would justify an interruption in the unity of our standards, and the circulation of a low alloy.

If it be deemed expedient, however, to adopt such a coinage, I would ask for an opportunity to give my views as to weight, fineness, and allowance in mintage, with my reasons therefor, before a bill is presented.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

Hon. Saml. J. Vinton,
Chairman of the Committee
of Ways & Means.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.)

Mont U.S. Phil Jan 14 1849

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request, I have made inquiry respecting Capt. John Eckfeldt; and I learn he left Philadelphia in the latter end of December for the West India Islands; that he did not go out as commander of a vessel, that of which he was part owner having been sold; and that he went on business by which he expected to be detained at the Islands until July next

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Wm. B. Reed, Esq
Dep. Attorney General
in C.

Washington January 18. 1849

My dear Sir

Immediately on receipt of your letter I enclosed for you the Civil and Diplomatic Bill which would give the best reply to your enquiry as to the adoption of your estimates. When a point passes by for the moment here, it is not easy to catch up with it, and thus you have not yet received the Mint Bill which is now enclosed.

You have seen that progress is made towards the adoption of a newly fashioned and compounded dollar - part gold and part silver. I concur perfectly with you in your views about the pure gold dollar and although all of the reasons do not apply, some of them do to the less valuable proposed coin. I strongly incline against any piece

of money beyond what we have already between half
a dollar and a quarter Eagle. It would
appear from a vote on the Motion to Suspend
rules to make the N. York Dist. the special order
of the day - that the measure is growing into favor.

Very sincerely yours

J. R. Ingersoll

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Treasury of the U.S.
18 Jan'y. 1849.

Sir

I enclose you Transfer draft No 764
in your favor on the Asst. Treas. U.S. New York, for
\$10000. payable in foreign Gold coin, which you
will please pass to my credit on Comage account.

Respectfully

Yrs. obt. Svt.

W. J. Green
Treas. U.S.

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Delivered draft to J. P. & Co.
Jan'y 20, 1849.

Unit U.S. Phil. 17 Jan 49

Sir,

The annual assay at the mint is to be held on the 12th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional commissioners provided for by the 32d section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

Very respectfully
your faithful servant

R. M. P.

Of
Hon. R. J. Walker }
Sec. of the Treasury }

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a January 17th 1849.

Sir, I herewith return the pay
roll, with "the receipt by mark of William
Goldsmith attested."

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^l serv^t

(signed) James Ross, Mount
Merrick.

To
William Collins, Esq.
1st Auditor of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Oct 22 - 5. 13 Jan 1849

Sir,

I send herewith an official letter to ask that the President, in preparation for the approaching annual assay, the Commissioner when he is authorized by law to designate, in addition to the Commissioners as officers, - namely the District Judge, the District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port.

I hope I may be excused for following the practice, heretofore observed by the Director of the Mint, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

Professor John Johnston of Middletown, Connecticut, and one of the faculty of the College in that place, and a Chemist of distinction.

Professor John B. Benson, for many years lecturer on Natural Philosophy in the Franklin Institute, and a man of general science.

J. J. Vanderkemp, Esq. of this city, a gentleman of talent and information, and of high standing and influence in the community.

Let me ask that the letters of appointment may be sent, in the first instance, to me, to be forwarded to the gentlemen named; in order that they may be furnished with information what they ought to possess in regard to the duty which they are invited to perform.

Yours R. M. D.

Wm. H. J. Walker, Secy. of Treasury

(Private & Confidential.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 16, 1849.

Dear Bachs,

The only proper answer that you can give to Dr. Riddell is that you know nothing of the code.

Now, in fact, Dr. Riddell himself must know all about it. He knows that the gold coins, made from his ingots, proved very unsatisfactory, at the last annual assay, annual assay here. ~~to the~~ He knows, and ~~states~~^{admits} in his letter to you, that ^{it is} he had added the neglect of his duties as an officer, and the transfer of those duties to a more workman in the Mint.

I have recommended Dr. Farnum as his successor, and I know, from his course of duty in the Branch Mint at Lakewood, that he is competent, assiduous, and honest.

Most truly yours,
R. M. P.

Prof. A. D. Bachs.

Treasury Department
First Auditory Office
January 16th 1849

Sir
The enclosed pay roll is returned to have the receipt
by mark of William Gilchrist attested —

Respectfully
Yours obt. servt
W. Collins
1st Auditor

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Fund
Philadelphia

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Philadelphia, *July 15* 1849

Take Notice, you are rated for
the present year as follows:

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| Real Estate, - - - | \$ 80.000 |
| Personal Tax, - - - | - |
| Income from Occupation, - - - | - |
| Dog, - - - | - |
| Household Furniture and Silver Plate, - - - | - |
| Moneys at Interest, - - - | - |
| Money loaned on mortgage, - - - | - |
| Stocks, - - - | - |
| Gold Lever Watch, - - - | - |
| Silver Lever Watch, - - - | - |
| Plain Gold Watch, - - - | - |
| Plain Silver Watch, - - - | - |
| Carriage, - - - | - |
| Horses, - - - | - |
| Cows, - - - | - |
| Salary or Emoluments of Office, - - - | - |

The Appeal will be held on the 1st
day of *Mar* A. D. 1849
between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P.
M., at the County Commissioners' Office,
up stairs, west wing of the State House.

Saml. D. Bress
Assessor.

To *U. S. Mint*

Ask him to give me the pamphlet.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed was received by me yesterday & I have no better way of disposing of it than to send it to you & trouble you to send it to the Librarian. I shall answer it if indeed it should be answered at all.

I send you a pamphlet of the organization of the Court. I have already printed & had it printed in the form of a book & I get out but have not time to copy in case the Court should like to see it.

Yours very truly
Wm. L. Garrison A.D.B.

Dec. 15/62.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 13, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you ask me to communicate to the Department, on Monday morning next, if practicable, certain information desired for the use of the Judges of the Supreme Court, or such portion of it as I may be enabled to furnish from the records of the ~~establishment~~ Mint.

The information asked, is "The whole cost, including ^{of the whole building as well as} repairs, of the Machinery, from the Commencement of the ^{present} establishment, and a description of the ~~present~~ Buildings, ~~and~~ with a statement of the cost of it, including the ~~Lab.~~"

I regret that it is not in my power to give a satisfactory ~~answer~~ reply to these questions. No separate account has been kept at the Mint for the cost of machinery and repairs. These expenses could be ascertained only by an examination, in detail, of the bills rendered, and as this would over a period of 50 years, the labor would not only be very long, but also of doubtful accuracy, as it might be impossible to find the place of many of the items. Another difficulty arises from the circumstance that a great part of the machinery

is made and repaired by the workmen of the Mint, and as they are employed also in other duties, it is not possible to determine what portion of their wages should be charged to the respective departments of their work. I despair then of being able to give the information desired.

When the act for establishing a Mint was passed in 1792, a lot, for the purchase, was purchased, in 7th Street between Market and Arch. It was 37 feet in front ~~by~~ and 99 in depth, and had, on the north side, a three story brick building. A corresponding building was erected to the south, and back-buildings were added. Subsequently a lot was purchased at the rear of the first, 28 1/2 feet wide by 81 deep. Nothing could be more unprofitable than the ~~the~~ ^{the} edifices of the Old Mint. They were sold in October 1835, with the lots on which they stood, for \$10,100.

The lot on which the present Mint is erected was purchased in May 1829. It reaches from Chestnut Street to Penn Square, and is 150 feet in front, by 20 1/2 in depth. The building erected upon it is 135 feet wide by 198 deep, with a court in the middle of 55 feet by 85, surrounded by terraces reaching from the principal and second stories. The whole exterior of the building is of marble, and there are Ionic porticoes, in the front and rear,

of sixty feet in width. The building has two stories and a basement, and the roof is covered with copper. The offices in the front building are fireproof. The machinery and apparatus, of every kind are of the best construction.

The cost of the ground, enclosure, paving, &c. was \$35,360.

The cost of the building, machinery, fixtures, 173,390

The cost of expenditures made under special appropriations for the years 1836 & 1837, for coming to steam power, and other extensive improvements, - - - - - 25,270

237,517

Other additions and improvements have been made, and are still making, in ~~the~~ ^{the} departments of the Mint, but they are principally executed by the workmen in the Institution.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.

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Wm. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

West Med. Phil. Jan. 13, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 10th inst., requesting me to give a certificate that you had refused for the West. Such a certificate, to be useful to you, should be accompanied by a declaration that your transactions with us had been entirely satisfactory, and this I could not say. I have to regret, therefore, that I cannot comply with your request.

Very faithfully,

Yours ob. servt.

R. M. Patterson

Wm. D. Landon, Esq.
New York.

Treasury Department
Jan. 12. 1859.

Sir

The Department has been called on for the following information for the use of the Judges of the Supreme Court and it is desirable that it should be placed in their possession on Monday Morning -

I will thank you, therefore, to communicate to the Department, if practicable by that time, such portion of it as you may be enabled to furnish from the Records of the establishment -

1. The whole Cost (inc. repairs) of the Mint Building & Lots and of the Machinery from the commencement of the establishment - A description of the present building with a statement of the Cost of it, including the Lots.

I will thank you also, for a copy or two of the Mint Laws if you have them to spare -

I am very Resp^l.

R. M. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury.

W. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Abolitionist Phil. Jan. 1849.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor of inquiring, at your former
office of the Committee of Ways & Means, whether any change have
been made from my schedule for this Abolition, and if any what
they may be. I find that the appropriation bill is urgent to
an early action, and if any variations has been made ⁱⁿ ~~in~~
one part of it, I wish to have an opportunity of explaining
my views.

Let me pray you to send me any bills, ~~when~~ if
they be printed, for next month.

R. W. D.

The Hon. R. W. D.

Boston 11 Jan'y 1849

Franklin Peale Esq.
D^r.

Allow me to introduce to you
the bearer, Mr. J. T. Hazen of Paris, who has come
to this country, as an agent for Mr. Krupp of
Pussia, manufacturer of Ralls used at mints &c.
He will be glad to avail himself of any kindness
you may show him, in enabling him to introduce
the Ralls in this country. - You will be pleased with
the specimens he has in his possession & may doubtless
derive benefit from them. - Any attention you may
show him will be gratefully received as a personal
favor by

Yrs respectfully

Isaac Ballott

Porter Patterson

New York Aug 10th /49

Dear Sir

It is my intention
to go to California, and I should like
a Certificate from you stating that
I have refined for the mint as you will
ascertain by reference to your Books
I think it was in the year 1836-

I am informed that such a certificate
from you would be of essential service
to me - If you will be so kind as to
furnish me with such a Certificate you
will confer upon me a great favor -

I shall leave probably on the 15th inst
and should like for you to reply by return
of Mail - Direct to Mr D. Lander - Care
of Jennings & Lander 94 Fulton St
N. York

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm D. Lander

Washington City, Jan'y. 9th 1849.

Dear Sir,

The Committee of Ways & Means have had referred to them by the House of Representatives a resolution directing them to take into consideration the expediency of reparting a bill for reducing the size of the one cent piece, and authorise the coining of a three cent piece - both to be composed of copper and some other precious metal.

The Committee have directed me to inclose to you a copy of the resolution, which I have with sent, and to ask you to do them the favor to give them your opinion respecting the expediency of the proposed measure, together with your views in regard to the convenience and inconvenience, if any, which might be expected to result from it.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Most Obedt. Servt

Saml. F. Vinton
Chairman -

P. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint U.S.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways
and Means take into consideration the pro-
priety of reporting a bill for reducing the
size of the one cent piece, and to authorize
the coining of a three cent piece - both to be
composed of copper and some other precious
metal.

Miner of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia January 8 1849.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit,
herewith, an account of the Profits on the
Redemption of Foreign Coins and the
expenses of transportation of Foreign and
U.S. Coins, pursuant to ^{the} ~~your~~ direction
of Sept. 22 1847 from the Department of
Sept. 22 1847.

Will you be so good as to
issue your warrant in my favor
for \$545.00 the balance due to the
Ordinary fund of the Mint from the
United States.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
(signed) John R. Thompson
John R. Thompson
Care of the Mint

To W. B. Gray New York
Via Mount Pleasant, Jan. 8, 1849

Dear Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. I thank you for the proposition which you have made and have to state that I can on no condition or under any circumstances take advantage of it.

Very respectfully,
R. W. Patterson

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To -

J. Smith Kossuth
Baltimore.

U. S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

Jan. 8, 1849.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant,
I am sorry to say that I have not yet
the power of presenting the statement which
you desire, as I have not yet received the
reports from the Branch Mints. As soon
as these come into my hands I make report
to the President, which is also sent to
Congress and made public.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

15/ R. M. Patterson

Director

Mr Patterson

Wethers Head

6th Sunday 49

Sir;

I am now offering for
sale an undivided $\frac{1}{3}$ Interest of a quarter
mile in California adjoining Forbes' &
& as much again land as he holds on the
supposed course of the river from my own
personal observation I can convince any one
that this property is of superior value to Forbes
which you probably know - is valued at 5
millions & justly so, It is the property for sale
by J. G. Christie but is now under my entire control
I want ~~100,000~~ one hundred thousand dollars
for an undivided third cash down -

If you can arrange me of a sale at once
& it is not sold before I have proved you I will
come to P.P. Keep the proposition as private
as possible & let me hear from you
at once I have just returned from California
& am well known to John Taylor of New London

Respectfully
W. B. Gray

U. S. M. Jan. 5/49

The amount of your deposits of gold, made on the 15th ult., is now ready for delivery in California gold.

It is no practice to pay for deposits at once as their value is not certain; but this could not be done in the present case because the payment was required in cash made of the bullion deposited. Before the bullion could be used it had to undergo the process of parting in order to separate from it the mass of silver which it contains. This was a source of delay. Another occurred by the time required for stamping the letters C & D. on the quarters as you desired.

Your payment of \$3910.10 will be made up of \$3474.64 in coin, and \$435.46 in two bars of gold as melted from the grain. The California gold received for medals is from another deposit.

There is no doubt that you may safely entrust the payment of your gold to Messrs. Adams & Co.

RMB

By Wm. W. L. Murray
Sec. Gen.

Mellon & Belmont Office,
January 4th 1869.

Dear Sir,

The operations of this department of the Mint, and their relations to those of the Treasurer's Office, are respectfully presented to your notice as a subject which requires, at this time, particular attention.

You are doubtless aware, that during the portion of the year 1846, subsequent to my entry upon the duties of this office, I ~~was~~ ^{was} apprised of changes, (with one exception, that of accounting for and reporting to the Treasurer all silver separated from gold deposits, and gold from silver deposits, for which no credit is allowed to the depositor,) and for the reason, that I desired to become thoroughly acquainted with the practical operations, which I found in use, and with which the workmen had become familiar, before I should venture to disturb a routine which my predecessor had established, and which, though imperfect, is yet in many points excellent. It

was only, thus that I could hope to retain all that was good, in modifying what was faulty.

The experience of the year 1846 convinced me, that thorough and radical reform, especially in the silver working, of all the operations, except those of the separating room, should take place; and in anticipation of such a reform, I requested and obtained permission of you early in 1847 to construct a new and somewhat expensive experimental furnace for melting silver by flame, (copied after those of the Mint of France), and also to fit up with all necessary apparatus to a laboratory for metallurgical investigations.

The furnace was built at a cost of probably \$1000, and \$250 were expended for chemical apparatus and tests, but by reason of the heavy expenses of the voyage of 1847, I was obliged to limit my expenditures to those just mentioned; and the loss sustained by the contingent fund owing to the delinquency of Richard Hutchinson obliged me at the end of 1847 to suspend all alterations indefinitely.

1848 During the year 1848 no modifications have, I believe, taken place in my department, and the machine previously adopted has been

slowly followed, with the exception of the trials
made of the new furnace, and a few experiments
in the separating room, having for their object
increased economy and benefit to depositors.

I regret that I cannot report ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
furnace just mentioned to have been perfectly
satisfactory. There seems to be difficulty in pro-
ducing with it promptly the degree of heat
requisite to melt silver, which is attained only
after several hours, and consequently without
sufficient economy of fuel. It is probable,
that much greater heating power would have been
obtained if the workmen had learnt to use
the furnace skillfully, but I do not think
that any degree of skill on their part would
produce economical expenditure of fuel, without
some modification of the present arrangement.
The combustion should be rendered more intense
by an increased supply of air, and the dimen-
sions of the fuel chamber should be reduced,
to prevent undue absorption of heat and the
charges of fuel by the workmen which cause a
smothered fire. I therefore suggest, that the
following changes be made at once in the
furnace: the draught increased, either by adding

to the height of the chimney, or attaching a stack,
and the size of the fuel chamber diminished
by alterations of the grate &c.

It gives me pleasure to state, that in
every other respect the new furnace works admir-
ably, and that all the advantages anticipated,
such as lifting metal out of the ashes &c. are
fully realized.

In the ingot making it is also highly
desirable that a new mode of casting be adopted,
and that, if possible, mechanical
contrivances be employed by which the contents
of the pot may be cast at once.

It is, however, to the connexion of
the work of the melting department with the
transactions between the Treasurer and asser-
-tors, to the mode in which one of with
the Treasurer is kept, and to the economical
administration of this department, that your
attention is particularly invited. And the follo-
-wing facts are therefore presented in your
consideration.

1. The law properly directs that
the weight of a deposit after melting shall

to that for which a depositor shall receive credit. This provision is designed to prevent loss on the part of the Government, by reason of impurities which are either volatile or combustible in the furnace, such as mercury, dirt, &c. The present system of melting deposits in the same furnaces in which the light melting and other work of the Mints & Refineries is performed is radically defective, and justice can be done better to the depositor and the Government only by rendering these branches of work entirely independent. The depositor should bear the actual loss sustained by melting for assays, and the melting department its own real wastage.

At present estimates of deductions for test &c. are made from many deposits, which are then delivered to the Mints & Refineries, while others are actually melted; all such estimates are only probabilities, and, in the opinion of the undersigned, though based upon careful experiments performed with great skill they should either be abandoned for the reason that nothing but certainty should be allowed in coin mint operations, or else subjected to a very extended and thorough investigation to ascertain of large quantities

the probability of results deduced from comparatively small trials.

2. The law of Congress regarding the Mint does not indicate clearly, whether deposits shall be melted under the responsibility of the Treasurer, or of the Melter & Refiner. The legal question is presented to your consideration and decision, that by virtue of the authority of general control conferred upon you by law, this matter may at least be settled by administrative regulation.

At present neither the Treasurer himself, nor the Melter & Refiner, has control of the deposit melting, but it devolves upon the Refiner, who, however faithful and competent, is not clothed with authority to act except in the name of the Treasurer. Any losses are reported only to him, and if they actually exceed the previously estimated value in coins or the account of the Melter & Refiner is debited with and must make good, the deficiency.

The notable remedy in this state of things is, that the deposit melting be separated entirely from the work of the Melter & Refiner, and that it be performed under the

responsibility, all deposits be weighed both before and after melting, either in his office and that of the Treasurer. Perhaps also *ishimaki* alloys are used, but he should be abandoned, and the *chun-etta* washed with soap and acidulated water, or else actually melted.

3^d In all the work of the minting department in deliveries of ingots to the Treasurer, and in transactions between the mint and deposits, the weighings are performed with the utmost accuracy and care. When ingots are delivered, three persons attend and verify the weighings by their independent observations. But when gold is delivered to the Melters & Refiners the gross weight is carefully checked at the time in the Treasurer's office. But when silver bullion is delivered to the Melters & Refiners by the Treasurer it is sent to the melting room to be weighed by the workmen with rough weights and scales, which are not to be depended upon, and which also ^{require} arithmetical calculations, so that errors frequently occur. There is, therefore, usually no check upon the accuracy of the weighing in the Treasurer's office of silver bullion delivered to the Melters & Refiners, and if errors

should occur in the accounts with deposits, they may be transferred to the α of the Melter & Refiner, without detection.

To remedy this defect it is only necessary that these deliveries of silver bullion should be made by weighings performed in the Treasurer's office, verified by the Melter & Refiner at the time, as in deliveries of ingots &c.

4th In deliveries of gold ingots and clippings to the Treasurer, it is agreed that they shall have been previously cleaned with acid. The question, whether all metal (especially silver clippings) which passes between the coining department and that of the Melter & Refiner, should not first be cleaned as perfectly as possible, is respectfully submitted for inquiry and investigation.

5th With the balances and weights now in use in the melting department it is impossible to weigh accurately and consistently. Therefore request that the President, or authorized to procure without delay, such a balance and set of weights as will permit the weighings now in my office to be made

as exactly as the now are both in the business
office and the Coining department, there
being no reason why the same degree of
accuracy should not be attained and con-
sistently practised in all the operations of
the Mint.

6th It is highly desirable, in
my opinion, on every account, that at
least an attempt should be made to intro-
duce into the melting department a system
of daily verification, so that it shall be no
longer the case, that the Melting Refiner
cannot tell at any time the precise state
of his stock, and must wait until the expira-
tion of the year before he knows his waste,
usage, expensing, means, &c., undisturbed
confidence in the honesty, fidelity and skill
of his workmen. The responsibility of his
office is too great to justify such looseness.
And this matter is rendered particularly
deserving of attention at this moment, in
view of the heavy wastage in silver of the
past year, being about 75ths of the legal
weight; from which it is evident that a
little less care & skill on the part of the

workmen might have presented the embarrassing condition of things, of an actual wastage greater than the loss.

To carry this suggestion into effect it is necessary, not only that weighings be made in every instance carefully and exactly, but also, that an independent set of books be kept, which shall show the details of every operation, as well as all transactions between the Treasurer and the Melters and Refiners.

I, therefore, request that in the exercise of the authority conferred upon you by law, you will employ a person to perform the duties of a weighmaster in the melting department, who shall be competent to keep accounts, and who may also render any other aid, which may be necessary to carry into effect a more exact and perfect system of drying, management and accountability.

In making this recommendation I reserve to myself the right to propose modifications of the arrangement in its discretion at any time if not productive of the anticipated results. And I wish it to be

distinctly understood, that it is to be merely provisional and temporary, to be rendered permanent only in case it should prove upon trial all that is necessary and desirable. I also feel the more at liberty to urge this request, because in the Crissing department, where the metal is in fewer and much simpler forms, there is a person similarly employed whose chief duty is that of weighing, counting &c. and for the reason likewise, that if changes in the furnace, melting operations, &c. are to be made, they will for some time demand so much of my own time and attention that I could not attend to all the weighings and keep such a set of books as would be needed, even if ~~such~~ it were, yet that such work should be devolved upon me, rather than upon a weighmaster or assistant.

With reference to the details of the proposed changes in the operations of the melting department &c. I respectfully suggest, if their general features meet with your approbation, that you will refer them to the Assayer, the Chief Corner, and myself.

as a committee of inquiry to confer and report
to you upon the subject. And I also request,
that you will act upon the matter as
promptly as your convenience will permit,
to the end, that the operations of the year
1849 may be conducted upon a new and
more perfect system.

W. M. Patterson
Director.

Respectfully submitted
by your Obedt. Servt.
Wm. M. Patterson
Melton & Co. Genl.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1849.
4, p.m.

Present

Director - Treasr., C. Coiner, Assayer,
Mellin & Refiner, - Engineer, Asst. Assayer, &
Clerk of weigh-room.

Objct of council stated by Director, viz
to act upon a suspicion of dishonesty on the part of Robert Potter a workman
in the melting room.

Facts of case recited by Mellin & Refiner.

1. Loss of sovereigns, manner in which it was
ascertained.

Coins weighed twice by Mr. J. before
delivering to M & R, - Deficit found in one of
the boxes on a third weighing.

Circumstances of the jingling of the coin
in the vault, when R P was alone there.

Martin Summers' testimony; supplying of
gold from his own money; objecting to Robert's
having any thing to do with the weighing.

Unusually large wastage in gold.

Martin has suspected him, & continues to
suspect him. -

Mr. Sprague. The weighings corresponded,
first weighing, 264 oz. each, second weighing